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Dear families,

### Uniform expectations

I hope that this letter finds you safe and well. It has been a few weeks since I last wrote to you and I would like to take this opportunity to update you about some issues that we are in the process of addressing. Previously I have written to you about our expectations about the uniform that your child wears to school and I have been very pleased with the improvement across all year groups. We want to work with you to ensure that your child learns the right habits that will help to carry them through their lives. A pride in their appearance is one of these habits and wearing a uniform is one way of creating a sense of joint identity. Our uniform expectations have been clearly communicated and learners have received an assembly this week to serve as a reminder. From Monday 30 November 2020 any learner who chooses not to comply with the agreed expectations will serve a same day 20 minute detention. These infringements include having jumpers tucked in, not wearing blazers, the rolling of blazer sleeves, the wearing of hoodies under blazers (Longdendale hoody allowed on a core PE day), please also be aware that we allow only a single piercing in each ear – nose piercings of any kind are not permitted.

I understand that mobile phones play a big part in your child's life and that many parents and carers wish for their child to have one in the case of an emergency on the journey to and from school. Phones distract learners from their learning and there is no reason for them to access them during most lessons. There are occasions when mobile phones may be permitted to be used in lessons by the teacher but outside of these limited occasions we do not allow phones to be used except during break and lunchtime and this should be outside the building or in a dining area. Should a phone or headphones be seen or heard outside of these times the school will issue a one hour detention the following evening.

It's great to see young people taking exercise and this is a habit that we want to encourage in a safe way. As the mornings and afternoons are darker and the roads more slippery please do take a little time to check your child's bike over paying attention to the tyres, brakes and lights. I would also ask that they wear a helmet too please.

As ever, thank you for your support and if you have any questions please make contact with your child's Learning Leader in the first instance.

Yours faithfully



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