

19 April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your ongoing support as we strive for exceptionally high standards in all aspects of school life. We especially thank all those children who arrive to school on time, every day, wearing their uniform correctly and with pride and who are always fully equipped for learning.

This term we are particularly focussing on essential equipment, uniform and appearance.

### Essential Equipment

It has a significant impact on learning if children do not have the correct equipment. In order to minimise this unnecessary disruption, please do ensure your child is fully equipped for learning.

The essential equipment list is in the personal organisers and comprises of:

- Personal Organiser
- Reading book (fiction)
- Whiteboard, whiteboard pen, whiteboard eraser
- Black pens, pencils, ruler and rubber
- Purple pen
- Rough book
- Scientific calculator
- Protractor
- Pair of compasses

These items can all be purchased via 'School Gateway'. However, to help ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to remedy any missing items of equipment they have also been able to purchase items at break time this week.

### Uniform – Coats

Please may we remind parents/carers that all coats must be plain black with minimal markings or logo's (except for reflectors).

As we move into the Trinity Term (and hopefully improving weather) we are requesting that when coats still need to be worn when travelling to and from school and at break times that they are not worn in the school building.

### Appearance

Just a reminder that make-up is not permitted at all in Y7-10 and discreet use only in Y11. Fake tan, nail varnish, false nails, cosmetic eyebrows, false eyelashes etc. are not permitted in any year groups. There has been an increase in the number of pupils using eye make-up- particularly mascara, false lashes, eye lash extensions and the use of tint on eyebrows. Please may we remind parents/carers that as this is a form of 'make-up' it is not permitted.

Pupils who do not meet our expectations in relation to all aspects of uniform and appearance (including make up) may be removed from lessons and placed in our Personal Guidance Unit until the issue can be rectified. Repeat offenders may be suspended from school.

We are sure that you appreciate time spent by staff dealing with breaches of our policies is time that could be used more productively to support your child's learning and wellbeing. Thank you for all that you do to support our policies and in helping to sustain our high standards. School will continue to be the final arbiter regarding the suitability of uniform and appearance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Chadwick', written in a cursive style.

Mr John Chadwick  
Deputy Headteacher