

Scissett Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well.

We are pleased to share that the new academic year has started exceptionally well. It has been a joy to see our pupils return with such enthusiasm, ready to learn and contribute positively to school life. A warm welcome again to all new families joining our community — we are delighted to have you with us.

As we continue to build on this strong start, I would like to remind all families of a few key expectations that help us maintain a safe, respectful, and focused learning environment. The overwhelming majority of pupils have returned to school in line with expectations, they look very smart in their uniforms – thank you. Where this hasn't been the case, we ask that pupils are fully compliant with the following by **Monday**:

- 1. **Uniform**: Full school uniform must be worn each day, including appropriate footwear. We <u>do not</u> allow the 'running style' trainers, please see the school website for further support with this. Children will be provided with school shoes, if necessary, which they are expected to wear.
- 2. **Piercings**: A reminder that only one piercing per ear is permitted. Other piercings, including nose piercings, are expected to be removed for school please. If they cannot be removed due to recommended healing time, following the initial piercing, they must be covered with a plaster for the <u>full day</u>. Children can be given plasters in school until you have time to purchase these yourself.
- Make up: We prefer no make-up. Should it be needed for individual reasons, we do allow for some natural/minimal make up, if it is thought necessary. This does not include false eyelashes, heavy foundation, mascara and eyeliner. Children will be provided with make-up remover in the pastoral office, should this be needed.
- 4. Jewellery: Children are allowed to wear a watch. Given the cost of many smart watches, we would ask ideally that these are left at home. If worn to school, this is done so in line with the school mobile phone and safeguarding policies. All internet connectivity must be disabled at all times. We ask that children do not wear bracelets or necklaces to school as we do not want these to become damaged in any way. Children will be asked to remove these on arrival, and they will be kept in a safe place until your child can collect at the end of the day.
- 5. **Mobile phones**: These should be turned off <u>on entry to the school grounds</u>. As children come enter the building, these will then be placed in the form time boxes, to keep safe for the school day. They will be available for the children to collect before going home.

Please note that **from Monday**, any failure/refusal to meet these expectations will result in appropriate sanctions being given, in line with our school behaviour policy. These measures are in place to ensure that all pupils can learn in a calm, safe, and supportive environment.







We greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations at home. If you have any questions, concerns or need any support with the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Onnis Head of School





