

Scissett Middle School

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Dear Parent/ Carer

Uniform Standards

As you know, at Scissett Middle School we have the very highest expectations of everybody connected to our school. One of the areas that we insist on is that every child follows our policy on uniform. School uniform is often a controversial topic. People hold very different views, which is perfectly understandable. The school's belief is that a smart uniform helps to create a sense of identity, equality and discipline. We believe that all these points are real positives that help to support the ethos of our school.

Unfortunately, we have seen a decline in uniform standards from a number of pupils over recent weeks. We understand that as we move through the school year, there will be 'wear and tear' with certain aspects of the school uniform however, the dip in standards we are currently experiencing does not fall into this category. Our main concerns are:

- Skirts being exceptionally short and in the style of tight-fitting tube skirts, which do not form part of our uniform rules.
- Ripped tights not accidental but being done on purpose as some form of fashion statement!
- > Increase in trainers being worn trainers do not form part of the school uniform.
- An increase in jewellery being worn. We allow one pair of earrings.
- False eye lashes!

Whilst the majority of our pupils adhere to our policies, set high standards for themselves and look exceptionally smart, there is a significant minority where this does not apply.

We therefore ask for your support in ensuring your child attends in full school uniform every day. Where this is not the case, we reserve the right to issue consequences in line with our behaviour policy.

If you are planning on purchasing new uniform over the coming weeks or Easter break, please feel free to contact the school office for guidance. If replacing a skirt, we ask you purchase a skater type skirt similar to the ones on the websites at the bottom of this letter. (We do not promote or insist on a retailer, these are examples of the style which complies with our uniform policy).

<u>Please click here to find out further details about our uniform</u> or see pages 12-13 in your child's planner.







Should you need any support with providing school uniform for your child or feel there is a genuine reason why your child's uniform is not in line with school policy, please contact their form tutor in the first instance.

As well as supporting the ethos of our school, high uniform standards mean that staff have more time to focus on the helping your child to achieve in school.

Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Senior Head of School

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