



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we draw to the end of this half term, we look forward to the second part of this academic year with excitement. As part of our ongoing drive to raise pupil attainment and aspiration, we will continue to set high standards regarding appearance and uniform for our students; this helps us to maintain a sharp focus on learning, strengthen equality and promote a positive school ethos. Therefore, we are sending this as a reminder of uniform expectations at Sir William Stanier School so all students are ready to learn on the first day back after the half term break.

All students are expected to attend in full uniform, to include:

- School tie (a replacement can be purchased from the Reception for £3.50)
- SWS School Blazer (**must be black** and cheaper alternatives can be purchased at some large supermarkets)
- School black trousers or knee length skirt (leggings or jeans are not acceptable)
- School shoes (**black leather** – trainers/pumps/plimsolls are not acceptable)
- Black tights or black socks
- A school bag and pencil case, containing basic equipment needed for the school day.

Any additional items will no longer be allowed, such as hooded tops or jumpers. While we expect students to wear a coat on their way to and from school and during break and lunchtime outside, we will be asking students to take these off in the school building and store in their bags. On their return, on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, students will spend time with their form tutor and a full uniform and equipment check will be carried out. Parents will be contacted and we will allow 24 hours for any issues to be resolved. From the 29<sup>th</sup> February, if pupils do not follow the uniform policy, parents will be contacted and students will be sent to our uniform bank to borrow and wear the correct uniform or may be asked to return home to change into the correct uniform (if this is the case, we ask that students return to school quickly, or this may be classed as unauthorised absence).

In addition, we do not accept unnatural colours of hair dye or coloured nail varnish, gel nails, false eyelashes or false nails. Students choosing to wear these to school will be asked to remove them as soon as is possible. With regards to piercings, pupils can wear one pair of studded earrings but no other piercings, including nose piercings are acceptable.

Students will be asked to remove any such item immediately and we really appreciate parental support in ensuring these items are not worn in school.

If you are in any doubt about an item of clothing intended for school please contact the school to speak to a member of staff.

Finally, in recent weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of students carrying mobile phones, using them at changeovers, wearing headphones / ear buds around school and even in lessons. We have a clear policy on mobile phones and headphones which is simply that they must not be used, heard or visible during the school day (8.30am-3pm). Clearly, wearing headphones or using a mobile phone does not promote engagement in the lesson and will make it more difficult for the students to learn, and remember the new knowledge they are being taught. Experience has also shown us that it increases the number of safeguarding referrals around videoing of students and staff and behaviour not acceptable in the school i.e. bullying.

Therefore, from Monday 28th February, any mobile phone or earphone that is visible during the school day will be confiscated until the end of the day. Students will be able to collect the item from a member of the Senior Leadership Team at the front of Reception.

We very much appreciate your support and attention to detail in ensuring that students arrive at school on time (8.30am), **Look Smart** in full uniform, **Act Smart** representing themselves with pride and are ready to **Be Successful**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. E. Hooley

Interim Head of School