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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well and thank you for the continued support that we offer each other. Our pastoral team continue to make calls to all our families and to date we have now made over 6000 calls. We don’t know what September will be like in schools but we feel consistency on a return is a critical thing to try and achieve for all of our students.

You will no doubt be thinking about the annual trip to the shops to source uniform and school shoes, although this may be a different experience this year. Before any of you embark on this please could I take this opportunity to remind you of some key parts of the uniform policy well in advance of these purchases. The intention of this is to avoid unnecessary confrontations at the start of term with students returning to school in September not dressed in accordance with school uniform policy.

**Footwear** School shoes are particularly expensive, and we have had issues last year with parents spending a lot of money on footwear which clearly does not take note of the information below. We would very much like to avoid this as it puts the school at odds with the student, which is not what any of us would wish for and is a negative start to the term for all concerned.

**School shoes; Plain black sensible leather shoes with no visible logo are permitted, heels should be low, no boots, no canvas shoes, no trainer style shoes.** Black “pumps” are also inappropriate for daily wear and ballet shoes quickly become unsafe with the result that pupils will not be permitted to wear them on health & safety grounds.

**Jewellery;** **Jewellery of any description is not encouraged and is not practical for many reasons. One pair of small, plain stud or sleeper size earrings and a watch are the only items allowed. All Jewellery must be removed for PE activities and is brought into school entirely at the student’s own risk.**

**Nose studs/tongue piercings and all other types of piercing are not allowed.** If you do decide to allow your child to have additional piercings please ensure that they are removed for school.

**Students will be required to remove any items of jewellery which contravenes this code; and it will be confiscated until parents collect them from school.**

**Hair; Shoulder length hair should be tied back for safety in all practical lessons for Health & Safety reasons.** Extreme hairstyles (e.g. unnatural colours (including bleached blond), two tone or “shaved” hair on less than No. 2 or with patterns/initials/line/dipped etc.) are **not** acceptable. Braided hair will always need to be tied back. Beaded hair is unsuitable and unacceptable. Flowers and other adornments are also inappropriate for school.

**Make Up;** **Make up of any description is discouraged. Students will be required to remove any excessive make up. Nail varnish is not allowed. False nails are not allowed. Fake tan is not allowed. False eye lashes are not allowed.**

Please be mindful of these hair regulations at the start of the summer holidays to ensure that they arrive back to us in September fully compliant with our expectations.

We are very proud of our school and of our students and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly give each and every one of our students the very best chance of learning and success in their future. Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding.

For further clarification please see our website for more detail and pictures of acceptable and unacceptable uniform items, our contact us via pastoralteam@cidari.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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