

11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the end of another academic year, it is an ideal opportunity to review some of our basic standards and expectations. As some of our students grow out of their uniforms, it is understandable that some students will finish the year with elements of their uniform that do not quite meet the standards outlined in our uniform policy. Whilst it may not be possible to replace items of school uniform before the summer break, I would like to remind all parents and guardians of the expectations that will be monitored closely in September.

**School Ties:** A school tie is an essential part of our school uniform and all students are expected to wear their ties at all times in school. Students are also reminded that removing another student's tie is not acceptable behaviour. Due to the issues this behaviour causes with maintaining smart uniform standards, students will be sanctioned for stealing or removing each others' ties.

**Skirt Length:** In order to maintain appropriate and smart uniform, it is essential that uniform is checked regularly. As per the attached uniform policy, I would like to remind you that skirts are expected to be knee length and should not be rolled up. In order to avoid wasting money, it is important that any skirts purchased over summer are checked carefully to ensure that they are in line with our uniform standards and will continue to be suitable for at least the whole year.

**School Shoes:** All students are required to wear smart, sturdy, plain, black shoes for school. In order to ensure standards and safety, trainers and open shoes are not permitted. I am mindful that some suppliers sell shoes, which do not meet the above criteria, in their school uniform departments. In order to prevent families from wasting money on unsuitable footwear, we will be checking school uniforms during the last week of school and endeavouring to communicate with students and parents any concerns that we may have. We will not be expecting families to purchase new shoes before the end of term, but I do encourage anyone who is unsure to contact us for clarification as these standards will be enforced rigidly from September.

**School Bags:** In line with our core value of high aspirations, students are reminded that a school bag with all of the expected equipment is an essential part of our school uniform. Every student is expected to bring a bag every day and should ensure that they bring the equipment they need to be prepared to learn and succeed.



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**Fashion Items:** A full list of uniform expectations can be found in the attached uniform policy. However, based on observations from this year, we would like to remind students of the following expectations:

- No jewellery of any kind (including earrings) is permitted in school
- Extreme hair styles or unnatural colourings are not allowed
- Nail varnish, false nails and false eyelashes are not allowed
- Makeup and false tan should be discrete

Thank you for your support in maintaining high standards at Wellfiled Academy. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact via <u>enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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