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Dear parents/carers

As mentioned in last Friday's parent newsletter, as the weather becomes colder and wetter, we ask that you ensure your child comes to school wearing a full and suitable uniform, including a warm coat.

We have noticed a significant increase in students wearing non-uniform jumpers and hoodies in school. Please note that this is not permitted. If students are cold inside the building, they may wear their school jumper and blazer. Any other jumpers or hoodies worn in school will be confiscated. If a student refuses to remove or hand in a non-uniform item, they may be taken out of normal circulation and required to work separately for the remainder of the day. Parents/carers will also be notified, as this forms part of our school behaviour expectations.

We have also seen an increase in students wearing leggings under their skirts. While some may resemble tights, others are clearly sports leggings, and we are particularly concerned that some students have been removing their skirts during the school day. Leggings are not part of the school uniform. Students are expected to wear either school trousers (tailored shorts in the summer) or a school skirt in line with our uniform policy.

If a student arrives at school wearing incorrect uniform, they will be offered appropriate items from our uniform store for the day. If they choose not to make the right choice, they may again be required to work separately from others.

If you experience any difficulty in purchasing uniform items or require support, please contact your child's Year Team, who will be happy to assist.

We are also seeing mobile phone use increase in school. This again is against school policy. Students must have their phone turned off and in their bag and they should not be seen whilst they are on school site. If it is seen then it will be confiscated, this is the same rule for any headphones. Any refusal to hand over a phone, to be stored until they can collect at the end of the day, will result in them being required to work separately from others and contact with home being made.

This is also the case for excessive jewellery and facial piercings. Retainers must be worn to school. One earring in each ear is the school rule. Again refusal to remove will result in them being required to work separately from others and contact with home being made.

We ask for your support in reinforcing these messages and discussing them with your child.

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Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards across the school community.

Mrs K Sandiford and Mrs A Mursell Co-Heads of School

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