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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into this new academic year, we would like to take the opportunity to remind all parents and carers of some important expectations and points of awareness regarding school life.

Uniform Standards

We are proud of the way our students represent the school, and maintaining high standards of uniform helps create a sense of pride, belonging and equality. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school each day adhering to the following expectations:

- Hair should only be of a naturally occurring colour. Hair dyed in bright or non-natural colours is not permitted.
- Hairstyles should not be extremely short (for example, shaved patterns, very close shaves or cut out styles).
- Leggings should not be worn as a replacement for school trousers or skirts. They may, however, be worn under a skirt for comfort and warmth.
- Full school uniform, as outlined in our policy, should be worn at all times unless otherwise advised.

We would like to remind you that on acceptance of a school place, parents and carers agree to support and follow the school's policies, which include our expectations on uniform and appearance. Your cooperation in upholding these standards helps us create a consistent and respectful environment for all.

Online Safety and Social Media

We are increasingly aware of the role the internet and social media play in the lives of young people. While they can be positive tools for communication, they also carry significant risks. We urge parents and carers to remain vigilant and monitor their child's use of online platforms. In particular:

- Chat rooms and online messaging platforms can be especially dangerous, as they may allow strangers to make contact with children. This can lead to unsafe conversations, exposure to inappropriate material, or attempts to gain personal information.
- Posting photos or video of children on social media can sometimes have unintended negative consequences. Images can be shared, altered, or used in ways that are out of your control.
- Social media more broadly can expose children to harmful content or interactions with people they do not know.

We strongly encourage open conversations with your child about the safe and responsible use of the internet and to set appropriate boundaries for their online activity.

Illness and Attendance

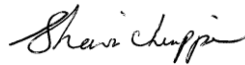
To help reduce the spread of illness within the school community, and following advice from NHS England, we ask that children who experience sickness or diarrhoea do not return to school until at least **48 hours after their last episode**. This is a vital step in keeping both pupils and staff healthy, and in reducing the spread of infection.

We value your ongoing partnership in supporting your child's wellbeing and education, both in and out of school. Thank you for working with us to ensure our school community remains a safe, positive and respectful environment for everyone.

Yours sincerely



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