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Dear Parent/Carer

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work. We have listened to student voice - the next step in our development as a school is to ensure all students meet uniform expectations. The vast majority are fabulous but we are determined to ensure equity for our students by raising standards once again next year.

As we reach the end of the academic year, some items of uniform are coming to the end of their life, due to general wear or sizing issues as students grow. We know that many items of new uniform will be bought over the Summer and would like to take this opportunity to revisit some of the uniform expectations in preparation for September. The information below stipulates requirements for some of our key items:



The following styles of footwear do NOT meet the school's uniform policy:



Shoes:

Plain, black and polishable. For safety reasons, shoes should be flat or low heeled. No trainers (see below), boots, pumps, platform soles or canvas shoes will be allowed.



Although black and polishable, Adidas and Nike (along with similar brands) are trainers therefore styles such as Air Force 1 and Stan Smiths (see above) are not suitable for school.

Coats:

Plain in colour and no large logos. Denim jackets are not allowed. Large sweaters cardigans or hoodies (including full zip) are not allowed as outer wear. Coats should not be worn as blazers.

Makeup and Piercings: Nail polish/varnish, gels, acrylic nails, lipstick or false lashes are not allowed. One stud in each ear is allowed. If students choose to have their nose pierced, then a clear nose stud needs to be in place for enrolment day.

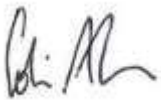
PE kits and Blazers: Previous letters have been sent regarding PE kit and blazers. As a reminder, it is not necessary to purchase the new PE kit or blazer if current uniform/kit doesn't need replacing. A plain red T shirt is fine for Y7-10 students for PE.

We have clean uniform and shoes available for students to borrow if they arrive at school wearing incorrect uniform. If students choose not to wear school clothing, then it becomes a poor behaviour choice and they will be sanctioned accordingly. Equally, students will be asked to remove incorrect items of uniform such as hoodies and again, if students choose not to remove said items, then it becomes defiance which is a behaviour choice.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school. If you are unsure whether an item of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying. If there are any extenuating circumstances, which mean you are unable to meet the uniform requirements for the start of the academic year in September, please email: **colin.abraham@consilium-at.com**. We work closely with APEC, an Armthorpe Charity who provide support for families in need.

We look forward to your support in ensuring all students are treated equally and trust the information above makes school policy clear for everyone.

Yours sincerely



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