

5th July 2016

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. DCSF strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it instils pride; supports positive behaviour and discipline; encourages identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils. Above all, TDS and the Trustees, believe that our school uniform supports effective teaching and learning and we fully advocate DCSF guidance.

We feel it is important that all parents, guardians and students are reminded of the standards in uniform that we expect as a school community. The information attached to this email and the school uniform policy, which is on the school website, both clarify our stance with regards to uniform.

We do hope that these underline our expectations with uniform standards and envisage that the summer holiday will be a time for pupils and parents to address uniform so that they meet the expectations of the uniform policy on their return on Monday the 5th of September 2016.

We would also advise that you read the uniform policy on the school website carefully. **It is particularly important that you read the 'Not Allowed' section at the top of page 5 of the uniform policy as this will be the main focus of the uniform drive from September 5th 2016.** Please take the time over the summer holidays to reacquaint yourself with our expectations regarding uniform. **If students come into school on Monday the 5th of September without correct uniform, they will be sent home to change into the correct uniform.**

If you have any queries regarding uniform, this should be directed to your child's form tutor in the first instance. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



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