

12th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

As we approach the end of term and the summer break, I would like to remind you of our uniform expectations before we return to school in September. I appreciate many of you will need to purchase new uniform over the summer. Please can I ask that before you do so, you check our guidance on the school website here, or go to the Lymm High School section of our provider, at www.touchline-embroidery.com, for information.

As always, following the guidance avoids any difficult conversations in September which may result from the purchase of uniform that is not acceptable. If you are in any way unsure if an item is suitable, please do not purchase it and please do not be pressured by your child into buying items of uniform that are not accepted. This is particularly important when choosing an appropriate pair of school shoes.

The main uniform discussion points are:

- **School Shoes** All students must wear a conventional shoe which is polishable. Trainers/trainer-style shoes or footwear with logos are not appropriate school uniform and are not permitted. See here for examples of acceptable footwear.
- **Hooded Tops** We do not allow hoodies or hooded zip-up tops (Nike Tech fleeces for example) to be worn as an outer garment over, or under, the school blazer.
- **School Skirts** Inevitably students grow so please check the length of skirts before returning. The school skirt should sit just above the knee.
- **Piercings** Having a piercing that has not healed is not an excuse to wear jewellery in school. If your child intends to get a new piercing, please do so at the very start of the summer holidays so that it has time to heal, and the jewellery can be removed in advance of returning to school in September.

School uniforms promote pride and responsibility. We have a uniform policy to ensure equal opportunity without extremes of fashion. While some students may want us to make exceptions, we take great pride in our high standards and require all students to wear their full uniform correctly at all times. Having a clear policy and enforcing it, reduces the amount of time wasted with constant debates about what the policy should be or students' requests for exceptions. Having the support of parents goes a long way in reducing the number of conversations we need to have about uniform and appearance, which benefits everyone involved. I therefore ask for your support in ensuring all students are in the correct school uniform from September. This includes:

- Coats should be dark in colour see here for additional guidance.
- No jewellery.
- Discreet natural make-up: no false nails, no false eyelashes, clear nail varnish only, eyebrows should be natural.
- Hair should be neat and conventional with no extreme styles. No haircuts shorter than a grade 2. Hair colour should be natural.

This year we have continued with our uniform recycling scheme and have had several items of good quality uniform handed in for re-use. Recycled uniform remains available from the school shop throughout the school year. All items are available free of charge.

Kind regards Mrs H Jennings Deputy Headteacher – Behaviour & Attendance

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