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Dear Parents,

Sweat the Small Stuff

I hope this letter finds you well. As we continue to work together to ensure that every student achieves their best, I want to take a moment to emphasise the importance of being **READY** for learning. Our school has always prided itself on setting high expectations for our students, and part of that involves maintaining a strong commitment to uniform, punctuality and preparedness for lessons.

In recent weeks, we have seen an increase in instances where some students are not meeting these expectations. As we move forward, it is essential that both students and parents are clear about school's policies, especially regarding uniform, personal presentation and punctuality to school. Adhering to these standards plays a significant role in fostering a focused and respectful learning environment.

Punctuality

We would like to emphasise the importance of students arriving on time to school each day. Our expectation is that students are through the gates and ready to start their day before 8:38 am. Punctuality is a fundamental value that not only ensures students maximise their learning but also sets the tone for success in life. By being on time, students demonstrate responsibility, respect for others and the ability to manage their time effectively—skills that will serve them well in their academic journey and beyond.

Uniform

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the following key points along with an overview of our policy on at the bottom of this letters:

1. Footwear: Shoes should be black and polishable leather. Trainers, canvas shoes, and other casual footwear are not acceptable for school.
2. School Trousers/Skirts: We have seen an increase in flared trousers, these should be tailored and black or charcoal in colour. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct style and colour of trousers or skirts as specified in the uniform policy.
3. Jewellery: Only one small silver or gold stud in each ear and one in the nose is permitted. No other jewellery should be worn to school, as it is important that students remain focused on their learning.



4. Hair and Make-Up: Only natural hair colours are allowed, and extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Additionally, students should not wear make-up (except for light foundation) or false eyes lashes. Students should also not wear nail varnish or nail extensions.
5. Student Lanyards: Every student must carry their student lanyard with their timetable attached. This is an essential part of our identification of students and organisation at school.

We kindly ask parents to ensure their child's adherence to these expectations. While we understand that occasional oversights may happen, consistent failure to follow these rules could have consequences, including students being removed from circulation until the issue is addressed.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these expectations at home. By ensuring that all students come to school READY for learning, we are not only promoting a positive and focused learning environment, but we are also setting them up for success.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these expectations, please don't hesitate to reach out.

UNIFORM LIST	
<i>Mandatory items</i>	
Blazer	MER blazer (boy or girl cut)
Tie	School striped tie
Shirt/Blouse	Traditional white shirt/blouse (long or short sleeved)
Trousers/Skirt	Charcoal/black tailored trousers Charcoal/black tailored shorts Charcoal/black pleated skirt Salwar may be worn under the skirt for religious reasons. <i>(No jeans, leggings or jogging bottoms).</i>
Lanyard	At the start of the year, a year group specific lanyard will be provided for each student. Replacement lanyards may be purchased for £1.
School bag	MER branded is available, otherwise dark colours only
Others	Grey/black socks/tights
<i>Optional items</i>	
Jumper	Navy pullover
Headscarf	Plain navy blue
Turban	Plain navy blue
Sikh students may wear the Five Ks only if it has been agreed with the headteacher. For information please contact the school office.	



SHOES

Students should wear black, polishable shoes
Boots, trainers, canvas shoes etc. are not appropriate and students should not wear them. Shoes should be sensible i.e. not have thick soles or high heels/wedges.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION KIT	
Compulsory	MER PE/sports top Navy PE shorts White sport socks Football boots Non-marking trainers Shin pads Mouth guard
Optional	Navy tracksuit bottoms Navy sports top/fleece (not hoodie) Navy leggings

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Well-groomed hair/facial hair (no extreme styles).
One small silver/gold stud in nose and one in each ear only; no other jewelry should be worn to school.
Natural coloured hair. No nail varnish or makeup, except light foundation.

UNIFORM IMAGES



Yours sincerely

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Deputy Head Teacher



Aim High



Be Inclusive



Work Together