

Friday 12th September 2025

Re: Ready for the day

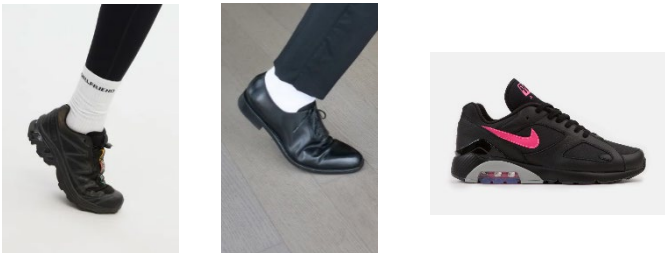

Dear families,

Every morning, we ensure that students are ready for their school day by checking they have their equipment, their planner and timetable, and that their uniform is all in order. It is so important for our young people that these things are correct at the start of the day, if they are not, it only leads to challenges and difficulties throughout the rest of the day. For most students everything is perfect, and I'd like to thank you for sending them to school ready for a successful day.

For a small number of students, we do have issues which our fantastic pastoral team work hard to resolve quickly. If this may be an issue for your child, please can I ask for your support by making sure that they are ready for school before they leave home. This will consistently set a positive tone for their day and help us make the most of their learning during their lessons.

Below I have listed some common challenges which can lead to a negative start to the school day. We really appreciate your support in making sure these do not impact your child.

Shoes and Socks

Socks: Plain black or dark grey socks or black or natural tights (orange or white PE socks may only be worn during PE lessons).	
Not allowed:	Allowed:
	

Please do not send your child into school with light coloured socks or shoes, with socks or shoes with white or coloured bands or logos, or with leggings. These will be challenged if spotted and you may be asked to bring alternatives into school before your child is allowed to attend their lessons.

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Trousers or skirt:

Students are allowed to wear tights but not leggings. Skirts should be of a reasonable length (no shorter than mid-thigh). Trousers should rise to the waist and the students shirts should be tucked into them. For health reasons, students should not be wearing their PE shorts or tracksuit bottoms underneath their trousers.

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Jewellery:

Finally, a reminder that jewellery must be kept to a minimum and should not exceed a watch and one simple metal stud in the lobe each ear. This is particularly important with health and safety in mind during our PE lessons. No other jewellery or body piercing is allowed, and will need to be removed before coming into school.

Not allowed:		Allowed:	
			

Equipment:

All students should arrive with a full pencil case, including a calculator, and their planner and school timetable in a school bag. They will also need specific equipment for some lessons which their teacher will tell them about in advance.

We hugely appreciate your support in sending your child into school ready for a positive start which feeds a successful school day. If you need any more details you can see our full Uniform Policy [here](#).



Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely



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