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Dear Parent or Carer,

Wellsway School Uniform Reminder

As well as enjoying a break with your children, parents will no doubt be looking forward to the annual trip to the shops to source uniform and school shoes! Before any of you embark on this please could I take this opportunity to remind you of some key parts of the policy. The intention of this is to avoid unnecessary confrontations at the start of term with students returning to school in September not dressed in accordance with school uniform policy.

Our school uniform is an important expression of our pride in ourselves as a school and we expect all students to be in correct uniform. Students who are not correctly dressed in September (and during the year) may be sent home to correct their uniform or internally isolated and so we would very much appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is sent to school correctly dressed. Teacher time spent challenging uniform distracts from our principle purpose of teaching and learning. The details for areas of the school uniform that some students struggle with are set out below for clarification and the complete uniform policy can be found on the school website.

<https://www.wellswayschool.com/assets/uploads/files/policies/Uniform-Policy.pdf>

Trouser styles should not be skinny or tight. Jeans, leggings and other casual styles are inappropriate as are fabrics such as lycra, jean fabric or jersey. The fabric between the knee and ankle should be loose, bootcut style or flared.

In order to clarify this we have included some suggestions via the links below of acceptable and unacceptable school trousers:

<https://www.wellswayschool.com/assets/uploads/files/policies/Acceptable-Trousers.pdf>

School shoes: Plain black formal leather flat shoes (no trainers, no ballet pump style shoes, no boots, no suede shoes, no patent leather shoes, no daps and no canvass shoes). School shoes are particularly expensive, but we have had some issues this year with parents spending a lot of money on footwear which clearly does not take note of the school's policy. Indeed, we are told that many retail outlets promote these trainer like shoes as being 'school shoes'. In our view, footwear of this type is not formal and is consequently not appropriate for our school.

In order to clarify this we have posted some images via the links below of acceptable and unacceptable guidelines:

<https://www.wellswayschool.com/assets/uploads/files/policies/Acceptable-Shoes-Policy.pdf>

We would very much like to avoid this as it puts the school at odds with the student which is not what any of us would wish for and is a negative start to the term for all concerned.

Jewellery: Students are not permitted to wear jewellery at school (including rings and bracelets). The exceptions to this rule are that students may wear a single stud in each ear. Students will be required to remove any items of jewellery which contravenes this code; they will be confiscated until the end of the school week.

Nose Studs/Facial Piercings: Jewellery as a result of any facial piercing (including tongue piercing) is not acceptable. Taping over a facial piercing, covering it with a plaster, or using 'clear' jewellery is not permitted.

If you do decide to allow your child to have additional piercings please ensure that they are removed for school. This will be strictly enforced in September and students not correctly attired for lessons will not be allowed to attend lessons until the issue has been fully resolved. Again, I should stress that this is absolutely the last thing we want as a school as we all place great emphasis on good attendance to school and to lessons.

Make Up: Make up of any description is discouraged; discrete personal make-up will be allowed on students. Students will be required to remove any excessive make up. Nail varnish is not allowed. False nails are not allowed. Please do not send your child to school wearing false nails.

Hair: Hair must be natural coloured, shaved patterns in hair or eyebrows are not permitted.

All school uniform items will be available to buy from the Scholars Bath Shop, 4 Terrace Walk, Bath, BA1 1LN (01225) 462206) or online: <http://scholars-uk.com/index.php>

We are very proud of our school and of our students and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly give each and every one of our students the very best chance of learning well and achieving their very best.

Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding. I wish you an enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Woodville', written in a cursive style.

Mr Woodville
Principal