

March 2021

Dear Parent or Carer

Wellsway School Uniform Reminder

It has been fantastic to be able to welcome all students back to school this term, and equally to see young people of Wellsway School enjoying learning in the classroom alongside their peers once again.

This term staff have taken a sensible and sensitive approach to re-establishing our expectations whilst providing support and understanding for our students after a prolonged period of remote learning. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify that all students will be expected to return to school on Monday 19th April in full and correct uniform.

We appreciate and value your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school each day correctly dressed as any time spent challenging students not in correct uniform distracts from our principle purpose of teaching and learning.

From the start of next term any student that is not correctly dressed when they arrive in school will be directed to the Withdrawal Room, where:

- They will be expected to correct their uniform (hoodies, jewellery, or false nails will be removed) before returning to tutor/lessons, or
- They will be provided with spare uniform (blazer, tie or school shoes instead of trainers) before returning to tutor/lessons, or
- They will wait to be collected by a parent/carer or given permission from a parent/carer to go home and change.

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:

To view our School uniform policy please [Click here](#)

Trouser styles: Trousers should be plain black and do not include jeans, leggings or any other casual styles made from fabrics including lycra, jean fabric or jersey.

To view our acceptable trousers guidance [Click here](#)

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 can be particularly expensive, and we have had some issues this year with parents spending a lot of money on footwear which 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 further clarify this we have posted some images via the link below of acceptable and unacceptable guidelines

To view our acceptable shoes policy [Click here](#)

Jewellery: Students are not permitted to wear jewellery at school (including rings and bracelets). The exception to this rule is 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.

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 and false nails are not permitted.

Hair: I am sure that many students will be looking forward to April 12th and having a professional haircut again. Hair must be natural coloured, and any 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 in advance of your anticipated support and understanding.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Knowles, Assistant Principal