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Dear Parent/carer

Re: Appearance and Uniform

Thank you for the positive start to new school term. We have worked hard to create a welcoming environment for students to enjoy returning to, while also getting used to the new routines and systems we have in place.

Our mission this term is to: Reignite our positive relationships; Reignite our passion for learning; and Reignite our School Values (Ambition, Pride, Happiness and Success). Part of this mission includes re-establishing the 'BASICS' with every student:

B = Be on time

A = Appearance

S = Stationery and Equipment

I = Instructions – FIRST time, EVERY time

C = Come prepared to Learn

S = School Values

Constantly having to challenge students for not wearing correct uniform, or ongoing issues with their appearance, can be quite damaging to otherwise positive relationships and we want to avoid this.

To prioritise a welcoming return to school and reduce potential conflict, we have taken a more relaxed approach to uniform and appearance issues over the first two weeks back in school. However, we must now seek to restore our high expectations around student appearance and uniform in line with the policies on our website: <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/aldermanpeel-uniform>

While the vast majority of students adhere to these expectations every day, we do occasionally have difficulties usually related to: trainers worn in place of shoes; short and clingy skirts; make-up and jewellery. We therefore ask that you take the time to fully familiarise yourselves with these expectations and support us in ensuring students' appearance and uniform is always appropriate.

In addition to normal expectations around uniform, all students are now wearing their PE kit to school on a Tuesday and Friday. Students are expected to wear their full normal PE kit for lessons, including navy blue shorts and PE socks, but can wear plain blue/black outer-layers when not in PE. These can be worn in addition to – but not instead of – their full normal PE kit.

All staff will be performing uniform and appearance checks throughout the rest of the year and we will contact you if any issues arise. Please work with us to help resolve them quickly and discuss any difficulties with us that this may pose.

Thank you for your support

APHS Leadership Team