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Dear Parent/Carer

Uniform

We are proud of the vast majority of students at Acle who are well presented and wear their uniform with pride. However, we have noticed that a number of students are falling short of the minimum expectations for our school uniform.

Many of these infringements are low level, such as tucking in shirts and putting blazers on, and we have been focussing on raising these standards early this term. I am writing to inform you that we will be reinforcing our uniform expectations over the next half term.

From the start of November, we will be fully enforcing the school uniform policy and following the behaviour policy for sanctions for those who do not adhere to the school's expectations.

A recurring issue in school is Jewellery – with students wearing too much. The school policy allows one pair of small stud earrings worn in the centre of each earlobe. Students may wear a watch **but other jewellery is not allowed.** Jewellery has always been prohibited within school on health and safety grounds. Jewellery will be confiscated and held in the office, where it will need to be collected by a Parent/Carer at the end of a school day.

Trousers/Skirts: We have seen the growth of an issue around trousers, especially from girls where they have moved towards legging style trousers. Trousers should be tailored and straight cut / tapered style and worn to or beyond the ankle, avoiding lycra or jersey material trousers which may be tailored to a skinny fit style.

Skirts are required to be an appropriate length, worn above the knee, and while we allow a degree of flexibility due to height, skirts must cover lower thighs. From November we will expect all skirts to follow this rule, with the potential of girls losing the right to wear skirts, and be directed to wear trousers if they cannot follow the rule in line with our policy.

Coats/Jackets & Scarves We have seen a growth in the number of students attempting to wear hoodies or sports tops as 'coats' -Hoodies and casual sports tops are not considered coats and will be confiscated for collection at the end of the school day. Plain black/navy branded sports raincoats are permissible as a coat.

Students are not permitted to wear coats, scarves or other outer garments inside school buildings, after the start of the school day unless in transition between classes.

We will notify individual pupils and parents around uniform issues via ClassCharts in the coming two weeks – with the expectation of full uniform compliance from 16th November. If you are unsure of whether items are acceptable, we invite you to contact your child's Head of Year to ask.

Contact details for Heads of Year are listed below, along with links to our uniform policy and website guidance on uniform expectations.

Head of Year 7 - Mrs Kinnarney - skinnarney@acle.norfolk.sch.uk
Head of Year 8 - Mr Chapman - rchapman@acle.norfolk.sch.uk
Head of Year 9 - Mrs Perkins - cperkins@acle.norfolk.sch.uk
Head of Year 10 - Ms John - ijohn@acle.norfolk.sch.uk
Head of Year 11 - Miss Granger - cgranger@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/parents-and-carers/uniform

For students who qualify for pupil premium, we may be able to provide additional support.

I would like to reiterate we are not changing the school uniform with these measures, purely putting steps in place to enforce the current rules.

If you have any concerns or questions around acceptable uniform, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance. We appreciate there may be challenges for some and we will work with you to ensure we are able to get this right for all.

We appreciate there are occasional needs to relax uniform rules for medical purposes and will support this where there is evidence of a need. We may request a note from a doctor to support these requests, which will be treated on a case by case basis.

Yours sincerely



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