

22nd March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of this term, I write to share the school uniform advice in preparation for our return on the 19th April 2021.

Detailed below are specific requirements of our uniform policy (full Appendix attached), this has been clearly published previously. All students must return to school after the Easter holidays in full, correct uniform, if your son/daughter is not in correct uniform, parents will be contacted and requested to bring in correct items. If your child does not meet Coppice uniform expectations, they will be isolated and not in main school lessons until the item is corrected. Intentional or continued refusal to comply with school rules may result in a fixed term exclusion. Where medical exemptions apply, an up to date (2021) Doctor's letter will be necessary.

Uniform Policy Specific Requirements for September

Facial Piercings:

These are not allowed to be worn in school. This includes nose, eyebrows, lips and face. Where a student has a piercing, the item must be removed before coming into school in the morning. It cannot be covered with a plaster or replaced with an 'invisible'/clear plastic piercing. Parents and students need to plan piercings at the start of the summer holiday so that the 6-week period has passed before returning to school and the piercing can be removed without risk of infection. It is not acceptable for students to have new piercings during term time.

Earrings: these must be plain studs, one in each ear only. For health and safety reasons hoops, dangly earrings, spacers and spikes are not permitted.

Footwear

- Only shoes will be acceptable for return after the Easter holiday. If you are unsure if an item is a shoe or trainer / trainer style, please consult school before you purchase. If you are unsure if your purchase will meet our expectations please retain the receipt and feel free to bring them into school in order to check with your child's Head of Year. A shoe is recognised as a piece of footwear that would be worn for a smart occasion i.e. interview, job in an office, wedding etc.
- All trainers are considered to be sports footwear; these are unacceptable. We will not accept any visible branded footwear (these are too numerous to list but include converse, Vans, Nike, Adidas, Puma, Timberland etc.) even if fully black in colour.
- Shoes do not have fabric or rubber strips or rubber toe coverings.

- Boots are not acceptable school footwear. For health and safety reasons boots with steel toecaps - are banned with immediate effect. Once again, please check with your child's Head of Year before you purchase.

Trousers and Skirts

Girls must wear tailored trousers or a skirt. This gives a smart and "business like" appearance to our students. A tailored trouser or skirt is one that could form part of a suit. It is not a tight; skinny; stretch Lycra or drainpipe trouser and it is not a tight, short, tube, stretch or Lycra skirt.

Mobile Phone and Air-pods

We support the security and peace of mind that mobile phones provide for students and parents, which is why we have not banned mobile phones from school, however please be aware that mobile phones and air-pods are only permitted at break and lunchtime for sensible use outside of the school building. If phones/air-pods are turned on, used or are visible during lessons or lesson changeovers they will be confiscated and may require collection by a parent.

Please check the school website for the full uniform guidance.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Regards

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