

6th June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: School Uniform

I am writing to reiterate our expectations with regard to school uniform.

Our policy aims to provide a way for students to show that they are proud to belong to our school community. We believe that a school uniform gives a sense of belonging and pride in the school whilst ensuring equality amongst students. In addition, a smart appearance contributes positively to the students' attitude to work and study; it also influences how the school is portrayed to the general public and visitors to the school. School uniform is compulsory.

From September 2016 the school uniform requirements are as follows:

- Plain black trousers or skirt (of appropriate length and fit)
- Plain white shirt
- School tie
- School blazer
- Black polishable shoes

In addition to appropriate clothing, all students are expected to maintain a neat and tidy appearance.

We are aware that many retail outlets identify their products as 'school wear' but in many cases the items do not comply with our uniform policy. This is particularly true for trousers and footwear so I would like to clarify these areas and invite you to review the accompanying uniform guidance leaflet. Trousers and skirts should be plain black and of an appropriate length and fit. Leggings, jeggings, jeans or similar items are not acceptable. The same applies to footwear. Please be aware that shoes must be leather and completely black in colour.

We request that you support the schools' uniform policy by ensuring that your child is appropriately dressed for school. An updated pictorial guide is included for your clarification and we look forward to your continued support. This is not an exhaustive list so please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further clarification.

We are sending this information out early to avoid any unnecessary disagreements in September. Our uniform policy is not negotiable. Photographic examples of our updated uniform documentation is available via our website. www.thomasbecket.org.uk An electronic copy has been emailed home and hard copies are available at reception for collection.

If you have any queries about acceptable uniform items, please take these up with myself before the end of the summer term. Alternative arrangements will be made for students who arrive in September dressed inappropriately.

Yours sincerely

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