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School Uniform

Dear Parents/Carers,

Since coming back to school after the summer holiday and all the disruption we experienced last session, it has been wonderful to see so many young people making great efforts to re-establish the routines we used to take for granted, such as getting to school on time, being prepared for lessons, wearing school uniform, doing homework etc. They really are an inspiration to us teachers and a credit to their families.

As a school community we continually strive to improve standards and over this term we will be having a particular focus on improving standards of school uniform in all year groups. Standards of uniform here at Grange are already quite good but there is certainly room for improvement.

Contrary to what some pupils tell their parents, ("*...but nobody else is wearing it!*"), the majority of pupils do make a good effort with uniform and many of them even wear a school blazer when the weather permits. A recent 'spot check' on uniform showed the following:

Year Group	Percentage of pupils wearing full uniform
S1	89%
S2	82%
S3	54%
S4	79%
S5/6	94%

Why we think uniform is so important:

- It helps to develop a stronger sense of school identity, culture and ethos;
- It helps to create safe environment, where pupils can quickly be identified;
- Uniform reduces peer pressure to conform with fashion trends;
- 'Dress for Success' - research shows identifying with a streamlined school uniform can increase pupil focus, attendance and raise learning expectations;
- It encourages a sense of professionalism which prepares young people for future positive destinations; and
- Wearing uniform is an opportunity to demonstrate our school values of respect and responsibility.

Our recent spot check suggests that S3 appears to be an issue and we will certainly be concentrating our efforts with this year group to raise standards. Another issue we have is with leggings and skinny

jeans. These items of clothing present a health and safety concern in subjects such as Science, HE and PE. I know they must be comfortable wear but we have to draw the line somewhere and safety should always be our top priority.

Uniform Basics:

- School tie;
- White/black shirt;
- Black trousers/skirt (*No jeans or leggings please and skirts should be of a length appropriate for school*);
- Black jumper/cardigan (*No hoodies or baseball caps etc.*); and if possible. . .
- a blazer would be wonderful! This really does bring the standard of uniform to a different level.

Please let us know if we can offer any practical assistance or advice with uniform. I know it can be a battle of wills at times but a high standard of uniform is really worth the effort and I would certainly appreciate your support in making this happen.

Yours sincerely,
Robert Johnston
Head Teacher

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R A Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "A".

Head Teacher