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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **School Uniform – August 2021 Requirements**

I trust that you and your family are well and that your child has made good progress this term, or alternatively, if your child is in P7 that they enjoyed their visit this week.

As I am sure you are aware, Mearns Castle High School aims for excellence in all aspects of school life and our high standard of uniform is an important part of this approach.

Like most schools, we have been keen to be understanding that following the lockdown period it may have been more challenging for parents to access all required uniform. We have also been aware that parents may be reluctant to purchase new uniform items as the holiday approaches. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child has all required uniform items for the return in August.

Please find attached our uniform information leaflet describing our school uniform standards along with brochures the school has received from local uniform outlets. In addition, please note the following key reminders:

- Black shoes – not trainers – are required uniform at all times.
- Skirts should be between 18” – 22” in length. As a rule, skirts should be worn no higher than 2” above the knee, with plain black tights or black knee high socks.
- A black Mearns Castle High School blazer is compulsory for all pupils. Blazers should be worn to and from school. Blazers must also be worn in school at all times but can be removed during lessons or when seated at break time. During inclement weather, your child may of course wear an outdoor jacket to school and they should remove this on entering the building.
- It may be necessary for us to continue to keep classroom windows open. Please consider purchasing a plain black jumper for additional warmth. We will continue to permit hoodies to be worn under blazers during this ‘windows open’ period, but they must be plain black (with no logos) or black MCHS hoodies. All other hoodies will require to be removed on entry to school.



All aspects of our school uniform are now available from Stevensons School Outfitters in Giffnock and Academy Uniforms in East Kilbride. School ties can also be purchased from the school through the online school shop or from the office as well as both uniform suppliers. In addition, our Mearns Castle tartan scarf is available from the school online shop and the school office. I also attach information relating to a local uniform supplier – Blossoms in case this is of use to you.

If you have any uniform items in good condition that you no longer need, we would be grateful for any donations to be handed into the school office. These will be re-conditioned and supplement our uniform store.

School uniform standards will be maintained through daily checks and providing the use of our uniform store. In addition, we will use our UPBEAT (promoting positive behaviour scheme) to ensure a high standard of uniform is maintained alongside regular reminders at assemblies. Given the clear desire of our school community to maintain high standards of school uniform, I am sure that extensive enforcement of uniform will not be required.

If you require any support in relation to accessing school uniform please contact your child's Pupil Support Teacher. I look forward to working in close partnership with you and our pupils to sustain our high standard of school uniform and I look forward to seeing all of our pupils in immaculate uniform in August.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Clark', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr. S. Clark  
**Head Teacher**