



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**RE: uniform expectations**

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify our expectations in relation to school uniform and personal items. These expectations are in place to ensure consistency, promote readiness for learning and uphold the highest safeguarding standards for all pupils.

Please ensure that pupils attend school each day in full and correct uniform. Skirts and shorts should be of an appropriate length, sitting no higher than just above the knee. For health and safety reasons, pupils must not wear long acrylic or false nails in school. In addition, PE kits should be plain and free from logos, in keeping with our uniform policy. We ask for your support in maintaining these standards so that pupils are prepared for learning and presented smartly as members of our school community.

We would also like to reiterate that smart watches must not be worn or brought into school. This includes any device capable of taking photographs or video, recording audio, communicating with others, accessing the internet or storing and sharing personal information. Safeguarding considerations underpin this decision, including:

- preventing the taking or sharing of images without consent
- ensuring pupils cannot communicate with individuals outside school during the school day
- protecting pupils' personal data
- avoiding unnecessary distraction from learning

We appreciate that some children may receive a smart watch as a Christmas gift and we fully understand the excitement and value these devices may have at home. However, because we are unable to verify which models include communication or recording features, we cannot permit any type of smart watch in school. Should a pupil bring one into school, it will be stored securely in the main office, and a parent or carer will be required to collect it at the end of the school day

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and purposeful environment for all pupils. If you require any clarification regarding these expectations, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards,

L. Fellows  
Headteacher

