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Dear Parent / Carer

Uniform

Uniform is an important part of the identity of The Grove School. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also ensures students are not put under any pressure because of the type of clothes they wear and all are treated equally. Importantly, it also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

Most of our students follow our uniform policy and we thank you for your support with this. We are insistent on securing high standards of uniform throughout the whole school year and it is important that we apply the same standards in June that we have in September. May I therefore remind you that the following items are not to be worn in school:

- Skinny trousers and skinny skirts
- Skirts that are **not knee length**
- Footwear that is neither full black leather nor leather look.
- Hoodies; belts with big buckles
- More than one pair of ear-rings or ear lobe stretchers; tongue or facial piercings
- False nails and brightly coloured nail polish; excessive face make-up and hair colours not considered a natural colour


I have noticed that there has been an increase in some students wearing false nails; footwear that is neither leather nor leather look; lycra (skinny) skirts; canvas trousers and ear piercings in places other than the bottom ear lobe. Please help us by reinforcing to your child that these are not acceptable. Our uniform is not going to change in September so any items that need replacing can be replaced now.

You will know that we operate a system whereby students carry a uniform card with them at all times. This is signed when students do not adhere to the uniform policy. Currently five signatures result in a lunchtime detention. From **Monday 25 June**, this is going to be changed so that **two signatures** will now result in a lunchtime detention.

There are many shops that sell appropriate shoes, trousers and skirts and popular with our parents are: Asda, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Aldi, M&S, Next, Debenhams and New Look. In addition, Clarks and Startrite also sell appropriate shoes.

We are very proud of our school and of our students and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly give each and every one of our students the very best chance of learning well and achieving their very best. Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,



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