

## Uniform Expectations Update / Keeping Your Child Safe

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Dear Families,

**Safeguarding is number 1 priority and we ask that you please support us with appropriate dress standards in order to keep your child safe.**

- An increasing number of students are wearing skirts which are highly inappropriate – so much so that underwear can be seen. This is either the length, fit or both. As per our school uniform policy, these skirts are not appropriate and do not fall in line with Academy expectations. In addition to this letter, we are also contacting all families where their child is wearing an inappropriate skirt so this is resolved immediately. If you are unsure if your child's skirt is appropriate, please contact their Head of Year who will be able to discuss this with you.
- It needs to be noted that we take student safety seriously and with this in mind, clear understanding about 'appropriate' and 'modest' wear for a professional learning environment. We suspect that skirts are being altered from when they leave your home to when they arrive in school. Uniform needs to be 'modest' at all times and not make others feel uncomfortable – and compromised when challenged. This will be highly challenged and sanctioned accordingly.
- There are an increasing number of students attending each day without a tie. ALL students were given a tie by the Academy and therefore should have one each and every school day – we take great pride in offering this support to our families and want this to continue. Those without ties will receive a negative mark and repeated incidents could result in further sanctions. If for any reason your child does not have a tie, one can be purchased at the academy via ParentPay or from our suppliers in Huddersfield (Natasha's or Term Time Wear).

Any student who continues to not follow uniform expectations will be sanctioned appropriately.

As always, we thank you for your continued support with developing resilient and responsible citizens; giving our children the best opportunity of meeting our vision of 'exceptional every day'.

Yours faithfully,



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