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Dear Parents,

I am writing at the end of this year to set out clear expectations for the coming year.

As we started the year uncertain to what was happening with COVID, unsure whether lockdowns would happen this year, people still being very wary about the prevalence of COVID school were considerate regarding the 'non' wearing of uniform. We understood the reluctance to buy new school shoes if we were going to have to endure another lockdown.

As we have had a full school year without any I think it is safe to say that there will not be any further lockdowns .

For this reason I will be insisting on full uniform in September for all pupils.

This is a list of the correct uniform.

Day to day uniform

Navy sweatshirt or cardigan

White or blue polo shirt

Grey trousers/ shorts or skirt/pinafore

Black sensible shoes

White and blue checked dress (Summer only)

Please note that skirts and trousers should be grey and leggings are **not** part of the uniform list.

PE uniform – we ask that uniform is kept in school please. Both sets of uniform are needed.

Indoor kit

White T shirt

Navy or black shorts

Black pumps

Outdoor kit

Dark plain Tracksuit

Trainers



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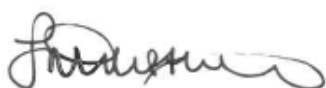
Another area that we have seen deteriorate is attendance and punctuality . In part this is due to having to isolate for COVID but nationally the problem with attendance has been picked up by the Children's Commissioner who says that schools need to be aiming for better attendance.

Much has been said about the lost learning and gaps in pupils' education due to COVID. In school we plan for regular interventions for children who have these gaps but poor attendance is further impacting on their learning and the gaps are widening. It is VITAL that children are in school by **8:45 a.m. everyday** as some of these interventions take place as soon as they walk through the door. It is a legal requirement that children attend school. School make no apologies for adhering to our attendance policy in challenging poor attendance and punctuality. This includes telephone calls and messages home and where there has been no response from these a home visit will take place and further to this, we will ask for a police welfare check if we haven't been able to make contact with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the majority of you who do promote excellent attendance and punctuality and adhere to the school uniform policy . I hope that the letter serves as a pat on the back for you and reassurance that I do have high standards at heart for the school which will be reinforced more consistently next year .

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours Sincerely,



J.M.THISTLETHWAITE
HEADTEACHER



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