

PSW/BEN

11 February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Standards and Expectations.

I wrote to parents in December regarding standards in uniform and have been pleased to see how smartly dressed students are when arriving to school each morning. We are keen to maintain this standard as we move forward throughout the school year as uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school and prepare for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

To ensure consistency across the school, we will continue to check all students on the gates each morning when we return after half-term. For the vast majority, we will welcome them through the gates as normal and thank them for meeting these most basic requirements. However, those who do not follow the uniform policy will not be permitted to go to lessons until any such infringement has been rectified. We will be in contact with parents/carers to resolve any issues as quickly as possible so that students can return to lessons with their peers.

Therefore, please take a moment over the half-term break to check and ensure your child has the correct uniform. The uniform policy is available on our school website, however I have highlighted key elements below:

Shoes: black, traditional, formal style in leather or leather type only. Trainers are not permitted. Boots with large buckles/metal studs are not permitted.



(Examples of acceptable shoes.)

Skirt: black, knee length traditional skirt. Tight fitted, short or lycra/stretchy skirts are not acceptable.

Shirt: white, plain buttoned shirt with collar, short or long sleeved, **tucked into** trousers or skirt.

Tie: must be full length, suitably knotted and in house colour for the student.

Blazer: black with KSCS logo, blazers are **compulsory** for students in **years 7, 8 and 9**.

Hair: no extreme or un-natural hair colours or styles allowed.

Jewellery: one pair of plain metal stud earrings allowed. Other piercings are not accepted however, clear retainers are permitted.

Coat: a waterproof coat. No hoodies, tracksuit tops or sports tops allowed.

Please also check that your child is prepared for school with the correct equipment and PE kit as required. The PE kit guidelines are as follows:

- Black t-shirt with KSCS logo
- Black training top with KSCS logo
- Black shorts
- Black socks
- Trainers for indoor lessons, football boots for outdoor lessons

KSCS branded items, such as the blazer and tie, can be purchased from Chroma Sport (<https://www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/ken-stimpson>) should you need them. Non branded attire is accepted for everything else, provided it is within the guidelines.

I would like to remind all students and parents that chewing gum is not permitted inside school, to maintain a pleasant school environment for everyone. Equally, prescribed, or non-prescribed medication must not be carried inside school by any student. This is an important safeguarding measure that requires full cooperation to keep our school community safe.

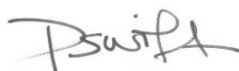
Students have responded well to the change in rules relating to punctuality to lessons, showing a high level of regard for their lessons. Please be aware that students need to be in their lessons on-time, no later than 5 minutes, or they will be removed to the inclusion unit within school. Lateness to school or to lessons throughout the day will result in a 45-minute after school detention.

Finally, whilst students have adapted well to the change in rules this term, please be reminded that mobile phones should be switched off and placed into student bags throughout the school day. Any phone that is seen or heard will be confiscated. **Smart watches used in place of a mobile phone** – to send messages or access apps and games – will also be confiscated under the same rules.

Should you wish to refer to our school behaviour policy, it can be found on the school website: <https://www.kscs.org.uk/information/policies/behaviour-learning-policy>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Swift
Assistant Principal