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Dear Parent or Carer

School Uniform

I am extremely proud of our students, but even more so when an external and independent agency such as OFSTED praise them so highly. I am particularly pleased by this quote from our March OFSTED report:

“Pupils are polite and respectful to their teachers, to visitors and to each other. **They wear their uniforms with pride** and keep their environment clean, tidy and free from litter.”

The standard of uniform in our school greatly reflects students’ attitudes to their learning and the school itself. It affects standards of behaviour and achievement and sends important messages about The Hamble School’s high standards. The inspectors commented throughout the inspection that they were very impressed with the students and how this reflected on their self-respect and respect for the school.

As uniform is such a positive and important feature of the school, I wanted to take the opportunity, before parents buy new uniform, to reiterate our expectations so that we can maintain these high standards both for the remainder of this academic year and going into the next.

I would like to reiterate that wearing excessive makeup, additional jewellery, short skirts and/or acrylic nails is not permitted. Additionally, shoes should be **formal, leather style, plain black with black soles and with no decorative stitching**. No boots, trainers, steel toe capped shoes, no logos, stripes, canvas or sports style shoes are permitted in school. Please also note that the school skirt must be the navy blue Thornton skirt bought from Skoolkit.

When students do not follow the uniform policy, it results in children being ‘removed from circulation’ with their tutor until the matter is resolved. This has been the policy for some time now and we know from our feedback from parents that the vast majority of parents support this in order to achieve consistency and fairness. Removal from circulation is not the same as internal exclusion, as it is recorded differently and ends as soon as the uniform situation is rectified. Items that are removable that are not part of the uniform are confiscated according to our confiscations policy.

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Please ensure that you refer to the planner and the website when providing uniform for your child or children, and when making purchases for the coming year. Both the website and planner have a clear explanation of what is required for students in each of the year groups. The explanation extends to coats and accessories and the principle is that if it is not on the list of allowed items, it is also not permitted (for example: hoodies). It is important that your child's uniform is correct as uniform policy is rigorously applied at The Hamble School so this can avoid difficulties for your child. Please note that if your child is in Year 7 or 8, the school jumper will be required as he or she moves into his or her next year group.

Thank you for your support with maintaining the high expectations of The Hamble School.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Beck', written in a cursive style.

J Beck
Senior Deputy Headteacher

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.