27 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

SCHOOL UNIFORM DURING WINTER

The overwhelming majority of our young people are coming to school smartly dressed and in full school uniform. That is great to see and I thank you for your support with this. Now that we are well into the autumn season, and winter is fast approaching, I feel this is an appropriate moment to provide some guidance about how pupils can keep warm but still be dressed smartly for school in the colder weather.

Due to the fact that we are still in the midst of the COVID pandemic, we need to ensure a constant circulation of fresh air in classrooms. To ensure this, all classrooms will have the door and at least one window open. While the school will be heated, I don't want our young people to be cold, and I can understand that they may wish to wear more than just their school shirt in class.

It is therefore important that pupils come to school dressed for the weather, with their shirt, tie and a jumper or cardigan that can be applied or removed as the temperature changes. Jumpers and cardigans should be plain black. Outdoor coats and tracksuit tops should not be worn in class.

In June of this year I issued the attached uniform leaflet to advise items of clothing that are appropriate for school. Can I ask that you look at this leaflet again when purchasing school uniform. Two specific issues have arisen in recent months that I seek your support with. Firstly, skirts should be of an appropriate length. A small but significant number of girls are wearing skirts that are not providing enough coverage to protect their modesty. Secondly, leggings are not part of school uniform, although appropriate *athleisure* wear can be worn during the colder months for PE.

I trust you'll find this letter and the attached leaflet useful when shopping for uniform with or for your child. Once again, I must commend the pupils for the overall very high standard of uniform, and I thank you for your on-going support with this.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J. Graham
Head Teacher