

JHY/SHY

25 June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to write to you to seek your support regarding the school's expectations concerning uniform.

As a school community it is vital to us that students have an equitable experience in how they are 'seen' and the uniform that they wear. Uniform supports our belief that all of our students arrive at school dressed in a way which supports our culture and expectations.

Since my arrival I have noticed some trends with regard to uniform. This is creating inequity and indifference in our standards.

All uniform expectations are important, however in particular can I seek your support please with:

- **Ensuring that your child does not wear a fleece or hoody (equivalent) on school site.** Students can, of course continue to wear a school jumper if they are cold in the summer term and a suitable coat.

*Items such as hoodies etc. will be confiscated during the school day and will be able to be collected at the end of the school day by the student.*

*If a student continues to wear any item which is not permitted, this then becomes a matter of unacceptable behaviour, and they could receive an appropriate sanction as per our behaviour policy.*

We will be undertaking checks for hoodies (and equivalent non uniform jumpers) in tutor time next week starting on **Monday 1 July** via tutors and our Heads of Year and Pastoral staff. We seek your support in ensuring your child is appropriately dressed as per our uniform expectations.

We will of course address and communicate specific concerns we may have with uniform, should this arise.

We absolutely support and view our students as individuals, and this is one of the many elements which creates our positive school culture. However, we must also support students in feeling part of the school community with consistent uniform expectations, as this supports a strong sense of belonging.

In readiness for September, please can I ask you to review the uniform expectations with a view to a positive and supportive start in the new academic year. The link regarding uniform is detailed below and I thank you in anticipation of your support with our expectations.

<https://www.tbcsbasingstoke.org/parents/uniform/>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long horizontal line that curves downwards and then back up, followed by a stylized, cursive-like signature.

Miss J Halsey  
**Headteacher**