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Dear Parent/Carer,

Before we break for the Summer I would like to take this opportunity to signpost the key aspects of our uniform policy in readiness for students' return in September. Wearing school uniform is an integral part of our school community in promoting positive attitudes as well as high standards. High standards of personal appearance are expected of all students and these standards support the ethos of North Leamington School.

To this end, please be reminded of our expectations of student dress code, which we are keen to revisit as part of our return to school in September and are outlined in our uniform policy. Due to the ongoing COVID situation, we have supported parents and students in making exceptions to certain uniform items due to the closure of shops and demand online. However with the wider re-opening of these facilities we will apply our policy in line with previous years.

Whilst parents are entitled to source their child's uniform from different suppliers, our uniform supplier Stitchtech <https://www.stitchtech.co.uk/> have a variety of waist sizes whilst maintaining the required length of skirts.

To summarise:

- All students are expected to be in school uniform to and from school in September
- Hoodies are not permitted in school
- Black trainers, including 'Air Force One' trainers will **not** be permitted
- Blazers are expected be worn at all times except in the event of hot weather and in classrooms
- Girls' skirts are expected to be no shorter than just above the knee, and with the NLS logo visible (see recommendations for skirt length on the attached uniform summary)
- Jewellery must be kept to a minimum (see attached guidance)
- We are unable to keep valuables safe for students in PE lessons, therefore students bring valuables into school at their own risk
- Whilst we appreciate that most students will carry mobile phones to/from school for safety purposes, we ask that phones and ear buds are kept in bags during the school day. Ear buds are not allowed on school site. These items will be confiscated if seen

We will work hard to maintain good standards and ask for your support in reminding your child of this will be appreciated.

Uniform (Compulsory for years 7-11)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black blazer with school logo - Black school trousers (no jean type trousers) or school skirt (just above the knee with logo visible at all times) - White school shirt (long or short sleeved) and school tie - Plain black socks or neutral tights (no patterns or frills, or socks over tights) - Plain black, flat, polishable leather shoes (no canvas or trainer shoes with sports logo, no boots)
Optional items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Navy school v-neck jumper or cardigan with logo - Navy ¼ zip long sleeve technical top
NLS PE Kit (Compulsory)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Navy/sky reversible rugby top with school logo <i>or</i> Navy/sky sports ¼ zip sweatshirt with logo - Navy/sky PE sports short sleeved polo top with logo - Navy/sky PE jogging bottoms <i>or</i> leggings, both with NLS print - Navy/sky PE sports shorts <i>or</i> skirt - Navy/sky Games socks - Trainers suitable for sports hall and astro turf and different to school shoes - Gum shield, shin-pads and football/rugby studded boots

Excessive jewellery is not suitable wear for school and can be dangerous. Body piercing is not permitted due to health and safety risks. Discreet plain studs in the ears are permitted. No makeup should be worn by students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Students in Years 10 and 11 may wear discrete makeup. Nail varnish or acrylics are not permitted. Extreme hair colour and high fashion/cult hairstyles are not permitted, including shaved hair below a number 4.

Attendance procedures

School attendance will be compulsory again from the beginning of the Autumn term. This means that parents will have a duty to ensure regular attendance to school, and that it will be school's responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence. The government have reinstated the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

If your child is unable to attend school, for any reason, you are asked to contact reception and provide reasons for absence. Parents and carers are asked to notify us if you believe any absence is related to Coronavirus symptoms.

Yours sincerely



Ms Jones