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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are seeking your support in ensuring that our children attend school every day, on time and that they are dressed both safely and appropriately. We encourage our children to have pride in both our school and in themselves, however currently some children are coming in to school in items of clothing that do not comply with our school uniform policy. Our school uniform is always admired by visitors to our school due to its uniqueness and because of how smart our children are. An HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) visiting the Federation this week was so impressed at how well presented the children they met were. Please let's not let standards slip!

School Shoes: To prevent socio-economic disparities and for safety purposes, our children are asked to wear black, sensible school shoes. Unfortunately since Christmas many children are consistently wearing trainers and this does NOT comply with our school uniform policy. Our children come to school to learn within an inclusive and safe learning environment and we will not condone children wearing fashionable footwear of their choice. Children have already been informed that as from Monday any child who attends school wearing non compliant footwear will be given a pair of black pumps to wear whilst inside the school building.

PE Kit: It is extremely important for children to have their PE kits in school each and every day. If a child is fit for school, they are fit to take part in ALL lessons, it is not a choice, it is called the National Curriculum: Ideally primary age children will have 2hrs of PE each week. This is not only to enhance the skill-based elements of the curriculum but also to facilitate a healthy lifestyle (in a bid to slow down the ALARMING number of children in this age group who are described as obese and in serious danger of suffering life changing types of medical conditions).

Earrings: Many children, especially in KS1 are coming in to school wearing earrings. We appreciate that when a child has their ears pierced then the earrings must be left in to prevent the holes from closing. Therefore we are asking for children to only wear small studs and that they are to be covered in tape. An incident was reported only last week of a child in a Liverpool school who whilst playing caught her earring on the coat of a friend, causing irreparable injury to her ear. We want to prevent this from happening to one of our children!

Label Items of clothing: So much time and energy is wasted on a daily basis searching for items of non labelled clothing. We appreciate the anxiety of parents whose children are constantly losing items of their school uniform / PE kits and we do our best to locate it but without the child's name on the items of clothing, this can be somewhat problematic.

We thank you for your continued support,

D. Hardiman

