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Dear Parent/Carer,

Uniform and Appearance

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Many thanks for your continued support of the school and its policies. We feel consistency is a critical thing to try and achieve for all of our students. After an incredibly positive start in September with regards to the new footwear expectations I feel staff are currently challenging more and more students about 'slipping' standards of presentation. As you are about to embark upon the half term break I want to take the opportunity to remind you of some key parts of the policy. The intention of this is to avoid unnecessary confrontations at the start of next half term with students returning to school on Monday 27th February 2017 not dressed in accordance with school uniform policy.

Our main concerns focus on:

Trousers

Plain black, tailored trousers in a style suitable for school (boys and girls). Leggings, jeans and jean-style trousers should not be worn.

Shoes

Trainers, pumps, plimsols and boots are strictly forbidden as part of the school uniform at The Barlow. Shoes must be all black leather or leather appearance with a flat sole or heel. Shoes must not have contrasting colours e.g. soles, laces etc. Boots of any description, trainers, trainer-style shoes, pumps or sandals are not permitted.

Coats

Outer coats must be plain black or dark navy in a style suitable for school. Coats may be worn to and from school and during break and lunchtime, but not in the school building. Hoodies, sweatshirts or tracksuit tops are not permitted and will be confiscated.

Hair

Hair should not be dyed an unnatural colour. Hair should be neat and presentable. Please do not allow your child to use any colour products as even temporary colours cannot be guaranteed to wash out in the time indicated on the packaging ready for return to school in February. May I request that unnatural hair colours are removed prior to returning to school on 27th February 2017.

Make-up

Make up of any description is not allowed. Students will be required to remove any make up immediately. Coloured nail varnish of any description is not allowed. Fake/false tan products should not be visible in school.

Jewellery

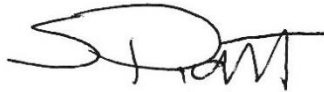
A wrist watch may be worn at the owner's risk. Other jewellery of any sort, including nose, ear and tongue studs, bracelets and rings are strictly forbidden.

A copy of the uniform poster is displayed around the school and there is a complete list on the school website. Please could you ensure that, during the spring half term holiday, you purchase the correct uniform for your child so that they may return after the break looking smart and a committed member of the school community. Students who fail to follow the school uniform policy will be sanctioned in-line with school policy.

Thank you for your support in helping us to continue to instil a pride in the young people of our school. We will remain vigilant about uniform and we will continue to ensure that the high standards you expect are maintained.

We ask for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Platt
Assistant Head Teacher