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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the parents/carers who provided feedback regarding the proposed changes to the wording of the uniform policy. We have taken on board the feedback from pupils, parents and staff and adapted the wording of the policy accordingly. The final wording can be found in the attached policy.

The most significant change is regarding hair length. Overall, the feedback was that the proposed wording lacked clarity and the current minimum grade of a grade two was not reflective of the current trend of a short back and sides haircut. As a result, a minimum grade of 0.5 has been applied for the purpose of consistency. This will be in place from September 2022. In addition, a number of parents and pupils requested that hair coloured bobbles should be allowed and this has also been added to the policy.

The consultation was anonymous so we are not able to answer all of the questions raised directly but there were some requests for clarification that were raised by more than one parent. We hope that the following points clarify any questions that parents might have:

- The uniform is gender neutral therefore, girls can wear tights or socks with a skirt.
- Boots can be worn with trousers in winter, as long as the trousers cover the boots.
- Pupils can request to remove blazers in lessons if they are warm, they do not need to wait to be instructed to do so by a member of staff.
- The academy uniform complies with the current DfE guidance regarding cost, durability and value for money. Compulsory branded items have been kept to a minimum with the majority of items available to purchase from a range of high street shops.

The policy also highlights how parents/carers can access pre-loved and second-hand uniform. If you have any concerns regarding the affordability of your child's uniform, please contact the academy so that we can offer support.

Please take time to read the policy carefully so that your child is well prepared for the return to school in September. Uniform checking dates are in place over the summer holiday for parents to check that uniform complies with the policy. The dates are Thursday 25th August and Monday 5th September 10am-12pm. If you are in doubt about an item of clothing, we advise leaving tags on clothing items so that they can be returned after checking.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr W Bush
Headteacher

