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21st December 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As we reach the end of term, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit the Hodge Hill Girls' School uniform expectations.

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow pupils to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare pupils for life after secondary education where many will have to dress smartly for work.

Footwear

Our uniform policy clearly lists all articles of clothing/footwear which the school allows pupils to wear. However, it would be fair to say that in the last two weeks, we have had several interpretations of what is deemed as acceptable footwear. The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference.

Acceptable Footwear:

Footwear worn by pupils should be plain black, sensible, and waterproof. Please see examples of acceptable footwear below:



Prohibited Footwear:

Trainers, canvas shoes or trainer style shoes are **not** permitted as part of the school uniform. This includes (but is not limited to) branded trainers such as, Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Converse, Puma, and Vans. Please see examples of prohibited footwear below:



When pupils return to school for the Spring Term on Tuesday 9th January 2024, staff will be carrying out a uniform check for all pupils at the entrance gate. Any pupils who are not in the correct footwear over the academic year will have to hand in their trainers and will be given a pair of plimsolls with a new pair of socks to wear for the day. The plimsolls will be cleaned at the end of each day using a disinfectant spray and prohibited footwear will be returned to pupil.

Makeup

Pupils are not allowed to wear make-up to school. Whilst the vast majority of pupils abide by this rule, we have a small number of pupils who need to be reminded about school rules regarding the matter, your support on this issue would be appreciated.

If you have any questions about the uniform guidance, please do not hesitate to contact us or refer to the uniform policy on the school website. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school prior to purchase. If there are any extenuating circumstances which mean you are unable to meet the school uniform requirements, please contact us via email: enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

We look forward to your support in ensuring all pupils are treated equally and trust the guidance above makes things much clearer for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Nawaz Deputy Headteacher