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Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last few weeks, students have been informed via tutor sessions of the relaxation of the uniform policy due to the hot weather. This included the removal of jumpers and the need to only wear a blazer when moving around the academy between lessons.

As the warm weather is expected to continue for the next few weeks, the expectation (from yesterday) is that blazers must be worn to the academy in the morning and to registration, but they will not be required to wear them around the academy and can therefore place them in their bags for safekeeping. Staff have been informed not to challenge students around the academy after registration in relation to blazers.

The reason for this is:

- We need to maintain our high expectations of uniform and students look their smartest when in blazers
- There may be formal occasions when students are requested to look their smartest, e.g. tours, award assemblies, etc.

My expectation is that students continue to follow the uniform policy and act swiftly to address any issues (e.g. an untucked shirt).

As a Headteacher I get to visit a number of schools, some locally and some further afield. I can honestly say I never go to a school where I find the students looking smarter in full school uniform than in our school. We are committed to sky high expectations and this is demonstrated day in, day out by how well presented Buckler's Mead students are. I am hugely grateful to you, as parents and carers, for supporting this to be the case.

Additional information in relation to warm weather

- We have water dispensers in the canteen and we are encouraging students to fill up water bottles during their break time and lunchtime, not during lesson times.
- During break times and lunchtimes all areas have plenty of access to shade under trees, and seated areas under shelters are plentiful, so all students can access somewhere cool to be during break time and lunchtime.
- Some students have told me they would like to wear sensible caps/sun hats during break time and lunchtime, which is permitted, but these will not be allowed in lessons.

We will be visited by a number of external agencies and other schools over the next five weeks. I consider us to be the best school in the area and I am proud to be able to show off our high expectations around uniform as part of this.

Yours sincerely

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