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Dear Parents/Carers

I am aware that over winter the classrooms were very cold, necessitating children wearing extra layers, given that windows were open owing to Covid. Now that spring is here, this is no longer an issue and, as written in both Mr. William's return to school letter and Longvernal's letter about school reopening on March 8th, the expectation across all schools in the Trust is for correct uniform to now be worn. I have been flexible around footwear pending the reopening of non-essential retail, stipulating any 'sensible black footwear' which encompasses black trainers until shoe shops reopen. However, several pupils are wearing causal clothes on a regular basis. If children are still cold, they may, until Easter, wear base layers underneath their uniform. P.E. and Forest Kit may be worn on the days that these take place for your child. However the school sweatshirt must be worn with P.E kit, not casual hoodies. I am currently looking into sourcing school logo hoodies or fleeces for next year which could be an option for P.E. days.

We have an issue currently with nits. Given that hairdressers and barbers are shut, many children are wearing their hair longer than they might perhaps usually choose to do. Hair length is not an issue however hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied up for health and safety reasons. This is not gender specific. Likewise, only stud earnings may be worn to prevent accidents.

I attach a copy of the school uniform letter. Please note: black trousers must be smart school trousers, not joggers or leggings. I appreciate that non-essential retail shops are closed. Online orders are possible and the PTFA has a stock of second-hand uniform.

Thank you for your support.

Karen Bazeley Headteacher

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