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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and to write to you with some important updates.

Students have made a good start to the new calendar year and responded well to the CV19 regulations enforcing facemasks in classrooms and communal areas. Visitors to the academy continue to comment on the calm, focused and purposeful lessons taking place during the academy day.

Following the recent announcement by the Department for Education, we have taken the decision to allow students to remove facemasks in classrooms during lessons. The DfE has announced that from Thursday 27 January, facemasks in corridors and communal areas will no longer be necessary either. We are also looking forward to reintroducing assemblies in the next few weeks.

Our CEO, Alun Williams, has written to you outlining the changes in full. Please refer to his letter if you would like any further information. Can I also remind parents and carers to continue to report COVID positive cases via our email: reportcase@bucklersmeadacademy.com

Blazers:

We have completed the process of measuring all students in Year 7 to Year 10 for their blazers. This has created a buzz of excitement around the academy as our students are keen to look smart. Delivery of blazers is expected shortly and we hope that all students will be wearing blazers by the final week of this half term.

Uniform:

We are keen to ensure that uniform continues to be of an extremely high standard. In preparation for the arrival of blazers, we would like to remind you and make you aware of updates to our uniform policy.

- **Trousers:** school trousers must be plain black and full length down to the shoe. This means that all trousers should be full length, reaching shoe and covering ankle. Please can you check and ensure your child's trousers are an appropriate length and replace if necessary.
- **Skirts:** students wearing skirts must ensure that the skirt is plain black, A-line or pleated. All skirts must be knee length.
- **Socks:** from the beginning of February 2022 onwards, students will be expected to wear plain black socks covering the ankle. Trainer socks or visible logos will no longer be allowed.

Please check that your child conforms to the above requirements, along with other uniform expectations. If you require further support or assistance regarding uniform, please contact your child's Head of Year or Form Tutor in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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