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Dear Parent

Uniform Expectations at The Lakes School

I would like to take a moment to remind all parents about the uniform expectations we have in place at The Lakes School. Specific detail about school uniform and appearance expectations can be found in the uniform section on our website or by clicking [here](#).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the overwhelming majority of parents for sending your child in to school in the correct uniform and for ensuring that your child meets our expectations relating to their appearance. From our parent survey in the summer of 2018, parents believe that our uniform is comfortable and good value and we have been pleased to respond to the changing needs and fashions in relation to footwear and trousers whilst still maintaining our expectations about students being well presented. Our uniform plays a key role in setting the standards we expect and this is important in school and out in the community.

We have recently been informed that Shoe Zone in Kendal is closing down and we are aware that many parents purchase shoes from Asda in Kendal and online retailers. We would like to remind all parents that our footwear expectations require students to wear polishable black shoes or hybrid shoes/trainers. Canvas trainers and sports trainers are not part of the uniform at The Lakes School and can only be worn for PE lessons.

On occasion, a small number of students may arrive at school with incorrect uniform and we will always expect such students to respond positively to being provided with a clean alternative that we keep in stock for such eventualities. It is important that students are not seen to be in normal lessons whilst wearing incorrect uniform as this sends out the wrong message to other students which inevitably leads to students thinking that they can arrive at school in trainers.

If your child is going to arrive at school in the wrong uniform, we would ask that you communicate with your child's Form Tutor either via a note in the planner, a short letter, an email or a phone call to reception. This can help us pre-empt any issues and ensure that your child can access their lessons straight away. It is important to note that students who persistently fail to arrive at school in the correct uniform will be subject to the sanctions as set out in our whole school behaviour policy and procedures. The same is true of students who arrive at school wearing jewellery, with an inappropriate hair style or false nails. Students are well aware of these rules and it is not acceptable for students to say that they were not aware of these expectations.

Thank you for supporting the school's expectations in relation to uniform and appearance. Our priority is the achievement, safety and well-being of all children and we will not be spending time in regular conversations with students about this aspect of our expectations which are clearly set out on our website. In closing, we would like to reiterate our thanks to parents and students for supporting our expectations and for working closely with your child's Form Tutor and our pastoral staff to ensure that any issues are resolved quickly.

Kind regards



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Headteacher

