

10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

At The John Bentley School we place an emphasis on pride in our community. A visible indication of this is in the standard of students' uniform. We feel that a uniform instils pride, a sense of identity and support for the ethos of The John Bentley School.

Recently, some of our pupils have become 'creative' in their interpretation of the school uniform, for example; trouser styles, length and type of skirts, colour and type of footwear, and hooded tops.

I am writing to you as parents and carers to support the school in obtaining a level of consistency about what the uniform should be, to ensure that your son/daughter fully adheres to the school policy on School uniform.

The following are **not** accepted as uniform:-

- Leggings of any type
- Tight fitting trousers\*
- Denim/black jean/jegging/ankle grazer type black trousers\*
- Short skirts. This will include **Skater** style skirts which are deemed to be too short for school. The school policy is just above the knee length skirts which can be bought from a selection of retail stores. Marks & Spencer from £9.00, George ranging from £5.00-£10.00, Schooluniform247.co.uk from £6.50.
- Visible gold zips on both trousers and skirts
- Canvas footwear and trainers. Footwear that goes over and above the ankles, i.e. boots/basketball/converse type. Black trainers are not acceptable. Shoes **must** be polishable & black
- Non-uniform sweaters & cardigans. The school jumper is optional.
- Outer garments that can be classed as 'hoodies'. Hoodies are not allowed to be worn during the school day
- Excessive jewellery or makeup and extreme hairstyle & hair colours
- Facial piercings and clear retainers are not acceptable.

\*Please note that what a shop/supplier might market as 'School uniform' may not be of the style or type required by the School.

For further clarification of the above, please see the Planner where there is a clearly illustrated diagram and further clarification on our Uniform policy.

Should a student be found to have the incorrect uniform, it may be that he /she will be confined to the school Internal Exclusion Room (IER) whilst parents/carers are contacted.

There may be cases where an item of uniform has become damaged and unwearable. Should this be the case, please provide your child with a note explaining the situation and an indication of when the issue will be rectified (e.g. sole fallen off shoes, buying new ones tonight). The student receptionist has various spare items of uniform for students to borrow. Tutors will be monitoring uniform on a regular basis and will contact home should concerns arise.

As a parent/carer your support in enforcing the uniform policy will be expected. Students should not need to lose valuable time away from their education to address situations regarding any uniform issues if they are correctly dressed and presented on a daily basis

If you have any queries regarding the School uniform policy please contact the school on 01249 818100.

Yours faithfully

Mr Tudor  
Principal