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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year. I hope that you and your loved ones had an enjoyable break during the Christmas period.

I appreciate that at this time of year, it is common for some children to have new clothing, footwear and accessories that they are keen to wear.

Thank you so much to those parents/carers who ensure that their child is dressed in accordance with our uniform guidelines every day. Your support is always noticed and appreciated.

The reason I am writing to you is because we have seen an increase in uniform breaches since the start of term. It is disappointing to also report to you that there has been a minority of students displaying negative attitudes towards staff when challenged. I know you will agree, this is unacceptable.

The school prides itself on having high expectations of students in every aspect of school life and wanting them to live out our values of being ambitious, having integrity and showing appreciation. We adhere to this so strictly as we want each of our students to go on and live happy and successful lives and believe these strong foundations set our young people up well for life in an ever-changing world.

We have very clear information available to students and families which details exactly what is and isn't permitted. This can be found here:

<https://www.prescotschool.org.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=10>

The most common breaches since our return last week are:

- **Hoodies** – These are not permitted (Students can wear school jumper, blazer and outdoor coat for warmth over both uniform and PE kits)
- **Tracksuit tops / Thin sports jackets** – These are not permitted (As above re what students can wear)
- **Coloured t shirts / Long sleeve tops of any colour other than plain black under PE kits** – These are not permitted (As above re what students can wear)
- **Fashion trainers** – These are not permitted (See booklet link for further details)
- **Leggings with mesh/waffle and anything other than one brand logo 6cm or less** – These are not permitted (See booklet link for further details)

#### OUR VISION

WE WILL ENSURE ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR  
ACADEMIC POTENTIAL, DEVELOP HOLISTICALLY AND  
GO ON TO LEAD HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL LIVES.

- **Tracksuit bottoms** – These were introduced at the request of students following the printing of the uniform booklet. The rules are as with leggings, plain black with one logo no bigger than 6cm permitted.
- **Jewellery** – This is not permitted (See booklet link for further details)
- **Hair clips other than black, navy, royal blue or natural coloured metal** – These are not permitted
- **Nail varnish / false nails of any kind** – These are not permitted (See booklet link for further details)

Whilst we each may have personal opinions regarding the importance of smart uniform and presentation, you will be aware that in our uniform guide, it states “Parents / carers also agreed to fully support the school’s rules when they registered their child at the school.” Therefore, we would always expect 100% backing from all parents / carers who choose to send their child to our school.

I will send a similar letter to students via Classcharts. Should there not be the immediate improvement required evident, we will review the current guidelines and may seek to implement new strategies to ensure compliance.

As a side note, rest assured that we understand that families can go through periods of hardship. That is why we have a stock of uniform, shoes and PE kits that can be loaned to children as needed.

Should you need any further information or support, please contact your child’s Head of Year.

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs G Cousineau**  
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