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Dear Parent/Carer 7th February 2025

Re: Uniform and PE kits

Over the last few weeks the staff team have been reporting to me that children are increasingly not adhering to the uniform policy, specifically in PE.

I am being told of children expecting to do PE lessons in UGG boots, heeled ankle boots and crocs. This is really dangerous and poses a health and safety risk.

I am also being told of children in Key Stage Two who are coming into school wearing looped earrings and make up – again in breach of the uniform policy.

In assembly this morning (7th Feb) all children were reminded of our uniform policy and why we have it – not to be mean but to make sure all children have the same uniform; to foster a feeling of belonging and to ensure all children know they are of equal value and don't feel 'worthless' or that they are 'less' just because they don't have the latest designer gear. We also have our uniform policy to ensure parents/carers are not put under undue financial pressure.

From Monday can you please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform (unless detailed otherwise in a SEND Support Plan) and that they have appropriate and safe footwear for PE eg. Trainers/plimsolls. Children who do not have trainers/plimsolls for PE will not be able to engage in PE lessons which pose a risk. If they are safely able to take part in bare feet they will be allowed to do so. Class Teachers will send home a note to inform you if your child has had to miss a PE lesson.

Thank you for your support with this issue.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross Head Teacher

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