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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well and have had a lovely summer break. As we look forward to the new academic year and welcoming the pupils back it is important that they get off to a positive start and are ready for the challenges that they will face over the next year. As we have previously discussed this begins as soon as the pupils walk through the school gate. Therefore, we just wanted to ask for your continued support in ensuring that pupils are ready to learn and are in the correct school uniform on Wednesday 4th September.

As you will already be aware we have been working hard on raising standards across the academy with the cultural reset initiative. The vast majority of pupils have responded positively, however there are inevitably a small number of pupils that continue to push boundaries and fail to meet the academy's expectations.

As a school community we find this to be unacceptable and unfair to those pupils that consistently adhere to the standards and rules. Therefore, as a school we will be starting the year with a clear and strong approach to uniform and standards. As they were in the previous school year, students will be welcomed at the front gate each morning by the leadership and pastoral team.

It will not be acceptable to say that "It is in my tutor room" or "It is in my locker" and then be allowed to leave the entrance area. They will be booked in as having failed to arrive properly attired and required to return to be checked before carrying on with their school day. Students who refuse to stop will be dealt with for their refusal to follow instructions; however, we hope this will not be necessary. All items of clothing and jewellery that are not part of the school's uniform code will be confiscated for the rest of the day. Students will not be allowed to enter the school site if they do not follow these requirements.

As has been previously mentioned most students will not be impacted by this, but as parents I'm sure that you will agree and continue to support us as a school as we strive to raise the standards and expectations across the academy.

Uniform

Students are expected to be in complete school uniform. A blazer and tie must be always worn, correct school shoes (no trainers), black v neck jumpers (without logos) and skirts at knee level. Hoodies are not allowed on the school site.



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Lanyards

Pupils are required to not only wear their lanyard with identification card always attached on entry to school but during the school day. Wearing their identification card always allows staff at a glance to ensure pupils have access to food in the canteens and use of the printers and photocopiers. For safeguarding reasons, it also allows us to ensure the pupils are members of our school community.

Jewellery

One pair of stud earrings and a watch are the only items of jewellery permitted. No other items of jewellery should be worn; this includes bracelets, necklaces, rings and piercings (such as eyebrows etc). Pupils will be required to remove any items of jewellery that are not allowed, and these will be kept until the end of the day. This is to ensure the safety of pupils as jewellery can often catch on things leading to injury. The school cannot accept responsibility for things lost at school so we would like these valuable and sentimental items left at home.

False nails, painted nails and false eyelashes must be removed before school and are not allowed. Uniform Gate will be running as usual, and the aforementioned protocols will apply. Pupils that arrive late, after 8.40am, will be directed to Uniform Gate in the usual way.

Mobile Phones

The existing mobile phone policy will continue with phones not allowed to be used on school premises unless permission has been provided by a member of staff. Any mobile phone seen will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Please remember that this also includes before and afterschool.

We do hold a selection of spare clean uniforms, including shoes, which will be offered to students in the first place. Should you have any issues regarding the purchase of a school uniform, please contact your child's Assistant Head of House.

Your support is greatly appreciated in this matter, we look forward to supporting our young people in a successful year at Stewards Academy. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the information and rules in this letter, please contact me. I will be happy to talk before the start of the new term to avoid any issues that may otherwise arise.

Yours sincerely

M Scholtes
Deputy Head Teacher

Additional Information.

HARLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL UNIFORM EXCHANGE
Pre-Loved uniform items for primary and secondary age students.
Open weekdays through August: 10 am - 2 pm
Harvey Centre Harlow