



Dear Parent/Carer,

School Uniform

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in reinforcing high expectations in all aspects of school life. However, over the last few weeks we have seen a higher number of young people attending school wearing incorrect uniform. These items include **non-black footwear, leggings, non-school uniform jumpers and hooded tops**. In addition we have also seen an increased number of young people wearing nose and facial piercings.

In order to maintain our high expectations for uniforms we are asking for parent/carer support in ensuring that your child arrives at school wearing the correct uniform. Enforcing this before pupils get on site means they are ready to start the day promptly. From Monday 13th March, any pupil arriving at school wearing incorrect uniform will need to have the correct items brought into the school. If a parent/carer is unable to come into school with the correct uniform an alternative will be made available to purchase from our pe-loved uniform shop. If you need support in obtaining uniform items please contact your child's Head of House.

Milford Haven School is an inclusive environment that believes in having high expectations for uniforms and appearance. School uniforms are one way in which we can display the school's identity and values to the community. All pupils are therefore expected to wear the correct uniform at all times. As a school, we believe that uniform is important, as looking smart contributes to a positive ethos. Some of the expectations identified in this letter are specifically related to issues of health and safety.

We have high expectations of all our pupils which includes personal appearance. Our uniform is low cost, comfortable, easy to wash, suitable for work and conforms to health and safety rules. It creates a sense of belonging to the school community, as well as benefiting the school and pupils in the following ways:

- encourages identity with the school and nurtures the notion of community;
- protects pupils from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- supports discipline and positive behaviour;
- instil a sense of pride in the school.

It is not acceptable for pupils to turn up to school in items which are not in line with the School's Uniform Policy. Please be reminded that **trainers, tracksuit bottoms, leggings,**



non-school uniform jumpers and hooded tops are not to be worn in school and that uniform jumpers must be worn as stated in our school policy.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that school coats should be waterproof. The support of parents/ carers and families is crucial in this and we are grateful for your continued support to enable us to ensure every pupil achieves beyond his/her potential.

Could you please ensure that your child attends school wearing the correct uniform. If your son/daughter refuses then they will be issued with concerns on Class Charts and persistent refusal to change incorrect uniforms will lead to further consequences being issued.

School uniform is essential in ensuring that pupils take pride in their appearance and allows the school to be represented smartly within the community. **Senior staff will be checking uniform and letters will be issued to inform you of the changes that are required, this will ensure we maintain high standards of appearance.** Further contact will be made home where necessary. As always we thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

J. Reynolds

Miss Reynolds (Assistant Headteacher)