



23 January 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

The start of term has been extremely busy with our Year 11 pupils sitting their trial exams, numerous intervention classes and Year 10 parents evening tonight.

To ensure we keep all of our pupils and staff safe, please could parents/carers not use the main entrance to the school to drop off or pick up children at the start or end of the day. This area is for staff, school buses and students that have mobility issues. The leisure centre car park can be used to drop off or pick up your child.

There have also been some amendments to the school's Behaviour Policy. The amended Behaviour Policy will be considered by Governors within the next few weeks and we will forward it to you in due course.

Having consulted with staff and with feedback from the Parent's Association, we have formalised certain aspects of the policy to ensure we have a safe and welcoming school environment. The key behaviour principles will be based around "**Ready, Respectful and Safe**".

Our long standing Behaviour Code of Conduct **enables** all members of the school community to **learn** and to **achieve**. Our school **recognises** that **everyone** has the right to learn in an atmosphere of **mutual respect** based on the principles of Ready, Respectful and Safe. We also have a clear escalation of sanctions to treat behaviour misdemeanours.



Headteacher Dave Hadley-Pryce



Through the consultation, members of the school community felt particularly strongly about uniform standards and the use of mobile phones in school.

As per my letter of 5 January 2018, the school uniform consists of [please see the acceptable uniform guidelines]:

- Black blazer
- School clip on tie (available from school)
- Black shoes
- White school shirt
- Blue polo shirt (Summer Term only)
- Black **school** trousers or **knee length** skirt
- Black/Grey/White/Neutral socks or tights
- Black V-neck school jumper with school logo

Our expectations are that:

- **Jewellery** should not be worn or brought into school, to avoid loss, damage or injury. One pair of studs in the lobes of ears can be worn but will need to be removed for PE/Games. (No other piercings or retainers are permitted)
- **Make-up**, including nail varnish, is not necessary for school and if obvious will be expected to be removed.
- **False/acrylic nails** are not allowed to be worn in school.
- **Hair** – if long it should be tied back for practical lessons. Hair bands etc. should be black, white or blue (school colours). Extreme styles and colours are not acceptable; symbols, names etc. cut or dyed into hair will require a student to return home.

Students who arrive to school inappropriately addressed may be provided with suitable loan replacement items. We reserve the right to either send a student home or place them in isolation until the uniform issue has been rectified.

With regards to mobile phones, a research study by the *London School of Economics* found that after schools banned mobile phones, the test scores of students aged 16 improved by 6.4%. The economists conclude that this is the “equivalent of adding five days to the school year”. Mobile phones can come into school but must remain **switched off at all times** and remain in your child’s school bag; unless by the express permission of a teacher [take a picture of their art work, using the calculator function etc]. This will apply to Years 7-11 throughout the day.

As a school, we understand that parents/carers may need a period of time to ensure their child arrives to school appropriately dressed. We therefore expect all students to be meeting our expectations from **Monday 26 February 2018**.

I would like to thank our parents, carers and families for your continued support in ensuring high standards of uniform and conduct at The Bewdley School.

Best wishes



Mr D Chauhan – Deputy Headteacher



The Bewdley School & Sixth Form Centre Specialist Arts College

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Acceptable school uniform guidelines

Blazer [Boys]



Blazer [Girls]



Jumper



Polo Shirt [summer only]



School Tie

[Yrs 7, 8]



[Yrs 9, 10 & 11]



Trousers [Boys]



Trousers [Boys]



Plain Non-Clingy Skirt [Girls]



Pleated Skirt [Girls]



Trousers [Girls]



Examples of **acceptable** footwear [Boys]



Examples of **unacceptable** footwear:



Examples of **acceptable** footwear [Girls]

