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Dear Parents and Carers

Further to the information you will have received yesterday, I would like to revisit and reiterate the expectations we have of our students with regard to behaviour and uniform.

Uniform

The expectation is that all students wear the school uniform as indicated on the school website and within the information you received in September.

Students are required to wear a school blazer, tie, white shirt, skirt or school trousers together with black socks and 'polishable' black shoes. If students chose to wear a jumper, this must be black, either non-logo or have the school logo and be 'V' necked. In addition, students are not allowed any jewellery other than a single ring, single stud per ear and 1 nose stud. I would also remind you that trousers need to be of a smart and straight leg style; leggings and jeans are not part of our school uniform.

We will be removing any extra clothing that is not within the guidelines at the school gate or during morning registration to ensure that students begin the day well. For example, your daughter will be asked to remove any socks that she is wearing over her tights, or, your son will be asked to remove a hoodie that is being used as a jumper.

We have purchased a supply of spare uniform to help ensure that all students are correctly dressed for school. When this spare uniform arrives at school we will make sure that any student who is not compliant with our uniform expectations changes into the appropriate attire in the morning. Meanwhile, any students who have lost items of school uniform, or are wearing the wrong jumpers and/or trousers will be issued with a temporary uniform slip. We will also endeavour to write a further letter to you so that you can ensure that your child is dressed appropriately in January, when we will be strictly enforcing our uniform code for all students.

Equipment

In September we issued all students with both a planner and their timetable. These items should be carried at all times to ensure that students are on time for their lessons. All students are expected to have the appropriate equipment for learning in a pencil case, which includes:

- a black/blue pen
- a green pen
- a pencil
- a ruler
- a rubber
- a calculator.

Tutors have been asked to check both uniform and equipment at the start of every day. Please help us to ensure that your child is well organised but know that we do hold a small reserve of essential items that students can 'borrow' at the start of the day if needed.

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Behaviour

Our behaviour policy is centred around three words

- **Ready** – we expect students to be ready for their learning. This means that they are on time, are organised and are ready to learn.
- **Respectful**- we expect all students to listen, engage in their learning and respect others.
- **Safe** – We want all members of our community to feel safe. This is a right that everybody should have and covers online, physical and mental safety.

We use My Child at school to ensure that parents are kept informed about all aspects of school life including behaviour. This ensures that parents and carers are kept fully informed and are able to communicate with the school via the app.

We are conscious that the behaviour of a small number of students can impact on the majority and we want to ensure that all students feel safe at all times. Please encourage your son/daughter to approach any member of staff so that we can resolve issues immediately.

Attendance / Punctuality

We know that attendance has a direct correlation to outcomes and attitudes towards school. We want to work with parents and carers to ensure that children are on time and at school. Within the school day we are working to ensure that students attend all lessons on time. Students who are absent from school without authorisation and those who truant from class will be given a clear sanction.

Toilets

We have designated the Geography block toilets to be available for Year 7 students only to ensure that everybody feels comfortable in school. We ask that students make use of the appropriate toilets and ensure that they are not used as a social space.

Language

On Tuesday, Mr Vaughan and Miss Yates informed students that we will not tolerate any offensive or discriminatory language in our school community. Everybody has the right to learn and work in an environment in which they feel safe, welcomed and are not exposed to offensive language. Swearing is an offence that may lead to a suspension or exclusion from school.

Our school is a community of which we should all feel proud and included in. We want to work to ensure that Huish represents the very best of our students and thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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