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Dear Parents and Carers,

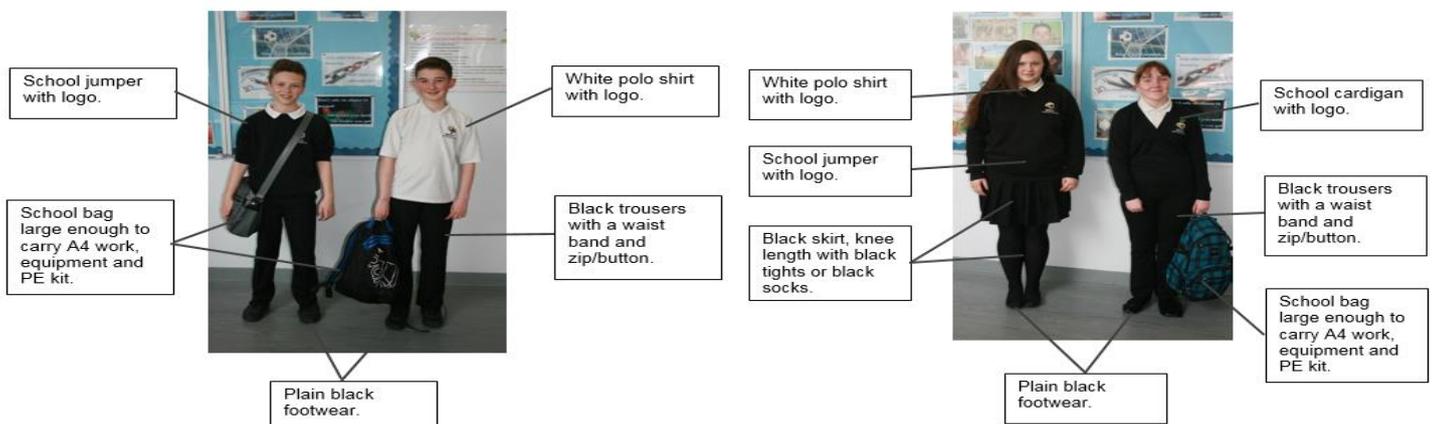
With the summer fast approaching I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child always looks smart, is on time and ready for their learning. Students are ambassadors of the college and are expected to dress and behave in a way that reflects the standard we seek to achieve. We are keen to maintain high standards in regard to the uniform students wear and some parents have asked for clarification on what is acceptable and what is not. As such I have highlighted the key things to remember as you buy new uniform and get ready for the new academic year in September.

All students, male and female, are required to wear the college uniform. This is as follows:

- Black sweatshirt or black cardigan with federation logo
- White polo shirt with federation logo
- Plain black suit-type trousers or knee length skirt. We are insisting that students have trousers that would not look out of place as part of a formal business suit and should be wide enough at the hem to go over a pair of boots. This means that unacceptable trousers include leggings, footless tights, harem pants, jogging bottoms, any kind of shorts, ¾ length trousers, denim or cotton jeans) – no variations are acceptable.
- Plain black footwear

No fashion accessories are allowed in college (eg belts - except thin black belts looped through trousers), headgear of any kind – Students are asked never to wear caps or hats in the college building. No bandanas or large flower headbands.

The choice of outer coat is left to the discretion of parents. All outdoor wear, including scarves, should always be removed in the classroom.



It is also important to note that footwear must be all black. Shoes must be safe to wear in school and there should be no open toed sandals.



The correct uniform and footwear are non-negotiable expectations at Birley Community College and incorrect uniform will be challenged. If a student has been identified as being in incorrect uniform you, as Parents and Carers, will be contacted to put this situation right on the same day. Students may be sent home to change into correct uniform or may be withdrawn from their lessons. Thank you to the overwhelming majority of Parents and Carers who ensure their child attends school in the correct uniform, we hope you have found some of these clarifications on uniform helpful. We look forward to your ongoing support in these matters and to a successful year ahead.

Uniform (including sportswear) can be ordered online at: www.stparent.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

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