

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to thank parents for all their support for the School over the past year. The vast majority of parents and students are highly supportive of our efforts to maintain the highest standards in the interests of the whole school community.

As we break up for the Summer holiday, I am conscious that many of you will be purchasing new uniform items. I would like to reiterate our expectations that all students are in full correct uniform at all times. Our policy for uniform, including shoes and trousers is clearly laid out with examples on our website. From September we will be driving further improvements in all standards to ensure excellent attitudes and behaviours from all.

To be fair and consistent with all students, we only make exceptions for proven medical or emergency reasons. If students do not come to school with full correct uniform, they should expect to work in a room away from other students.

Our full uniform policy can be found here:-

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In particular, please can I draw your attention to, and request your support with, the following:-

- Only school (leather type) plain black shoes are allowed (boots, trainers, canvas shoes, plimsolls and sandals are not allowed. There should be no stripes, pictures, logos and no trainer type shoes, even if these are plain black. Please be aware that some stores label shoes as 'school shoes' when these are not appropriate and do not meet our school requirements.
- All students must wear the correct colour of tie. This must not be drawn on, vandalised or adapted in any way. If students lose a tie or vandalise it, we may lend them one for the day, but a replacement must be purchased immediately via Scopay to collect from the School Office (or purchased from our school suppliers). Trousers must be black, full length, tailored and not skin tight – leggings are not allowed.
- Socks should be plain black or grey.
- Skirts should be black school type (not skin tight) and no more than 10cm above or below the knee

At Lealands we value excellence and this starts with how we look. It is important that staff time is not unnecessarily wasted on uniform issues. If you are having difficulties with supplying or maintaining correct uniform, please contact your child's Pastoral Support Manager who will be happy to assist.

We have some donated items of uniform and also work with the Level Trust who provide further support. In order to keep costs low, the only branded items required are the Lealands blazer (which must be worn) and the tie. PE kit is also branded. Other items such as shirts, trousers and shoes can be purchased from any supplier and we would suggest local supermarkets provide the best quality at some of the lowest prices. Compulsory branded items can be purchased from Prestige Design and Workwear (<https://prestigedesignww.co.uk/schools/>).

Please also be conscious of our policy regarding jewellery and hair. Only one small ear stud is permitted in each ear (gold, silver or black and of less than 5mm). No extremes of hair style or non-natural colours are permitted. We understand that during holiday periods parents are sometimes under pressure from their children to allow additional piercings and dye their hair. Please ensure that if you allow this, there is sufficient time before September for the additional piercings to be removed for school and the hair to be returned to a natural colour. Nose piercings are not permitted in school and cannot be worn covered with a plaster. Adherence to the uniform policy will be required for attendance to lessons in September.

Uniform is proven to be an important aspect of a good school as it creates a sense of unity and community as well as reducing pressures on young people regarding appearance and clothing. We aim for all of our students to take pride in their appearance and school whilst reducing unnecessary pressures. With this in mind, the support of parents is crucial to support this aim and remove any barriers. A successful school day begins on time with full and correct uniform.

Thank you for your support in this matter and I look forward to the start of a new and exciting school year in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Burridge  
Headteacher