

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: September 2023

In April we decided that we would reduce the restrictions on uniform and have a dress code instead. This unfortunately didn't work as some pupils have taken this opportunity to wear inappropriate clothing at times, sadly this has had an impact on behaviour and attitude.

As from **Tuesday 5th September** we will be reinstating the uniform policy.

All pupils are expected to wear this uniform on their return to school.

We need to make it clear that we are a school and one of our aims is to prepare the pupils for their move back to a mainstream environment or for Post 16 life.

The uniform will be as follows:

- **Black trousers, smart jeans (no ripped jeans at all), plain black joggers or leggings (not transparent or with any logos) or black skirts (no more than 2 cms above the knee.)**
- **White shirt, t-shirt or polo shirt. No cropped tops, vest tops or low-cut tops.**
- **Plain black jumper or cardigan, no hoodies. (no logos)**
- **Shoes can be trainers, shoes or boots but no high heels, sliders or flip flops.**
- **Pupils can wear studs in their ears or their nose but no loose hanging or hooped ear or nose piercings.**
- **Pupils can wear nail varnish but no false or acrylic nails.**
- **Bracelets, rings and necklaces with protruding stones or designs must be removed on arrival. No large pendants**
- **No Smart Watches**

Smoking

We understand that many of our pupils' smoke or use vapes on a regular basis. As a school we have a duty of care to the pupils to ensure their safety when with us during the school day.

Smoking paraphernalia (cigarettes, lighters, vapes and any other smoking related item) will be confiscated if the pupil brings it into school. It will only be handed back to a parent or carer and **not** the pupil.

We have a 'No Smoking' policy that states the following:

'Smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes (vaping) is not permitted in any part of the premises, entrances or grounds at any time, by any person regardless of their status or business with the school.

Smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes (vaping) will not be tolerated at entrances and exits and is not permitted in any of the following areas, corridors, stairways or toilets, meeting or staff rooms or other areas.

These restrictions also apply on any school visits including residential trips.'

This policy relates to both staff and pupils.

Social Media

Finally, we are having issues with some pupils posting videos on some social media platforms. Many of these videos have been offensive in nature and have featured screenshots of staff photographs taken from the school website. These have since been removed because of this situation.

I would urge you to speak to your child regarding this matter and explain the seriousness of posting images without the persons consent. Any concerns raised regarding such videos or posts will be directed to the police and may result in individual pupils having their place here at the PRU terminated.

This will be monitored closely in the new academic year and concerns will be dealt with swiftly.

If you would like to discuss any of the issues in this letter please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on **Tuesday 5th September.**

Kind Regards,

Jo Fox

Headteacher