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Dear Parent/Carer

Uniform Expectations

I wanted to take the opportunity to remind parents, and pupils, of the uniform expectations at the academy. Back in July 2023, we wrote to all parents to explain several changes to the uniform policy. These changes were made in consultation with pupils so that their opinions were heard and responded to.

I am writing to you today to remind you of those expectations, and to seek your support in ensuring that pupils attend school wearing the correct uniform and wear their uniform with pride.

- Pupils must attend school wearing their school tie and their blazer (*replacement ties are available on ParentPay for £5*)
- Pupils must wear plain black footwear only. Any shoes that are not plain black are not permitted.
- Pupils must be wearing black trousers or an appropriate length black skirt (just above the knee).
- Pupils must not wear leggings to school.
- Pupils are permitted to wear a black V neck school jumper, however, this must not be worn in place of the blazer.

In addition, all pupils must wear their uniform with pride throughout the school day.

This includes:

- Ties and blazers being worn at all times - the school blazer must not be placed into school bags.
- Shirts must be tucked in.
- All outdoor jackets and coats must be removed when inside the school building.
- Pupils should attend school with their equipment and a school bag every day.

Given the recent change in temperature we are expecting pupils to wear their full uniform for both morning and afternoon line up, and when transitioning around the school. **Pupils will be permitted to take their blazers off when they are inside their classroom.** Staff will also ensure that classroom windows are being left open.

We are seeking your support to ensure that your child attends school wearing their full school uniform, including having a school bag and their equipment. If they have PE, their kit should be in their school bag ready for them to get changed into.



If your child is missing an item of uniform, then could you please ensure that the uniform is replaced. *School ties are available to purchase on ParentPay for £5 (email parentpay@bulwellacademy.org.uk for your login details).*

For parents who may find purchasing uniform a financial challenge, we have a uniform swap shop in the academy that can provide recycled uniform for a fraction of the cost, or by swapping something to the equivalent value. There are also other ways in which you can source more affordable or free uniform. [Click here to find out more on the school's website.](#)

Where a pupil arrives to school without the correct item of uniform, pupils may be offered an item of uniform for the day or in exceptional circumstances pupils may be asked to return home to collect uniform.

Afternoon Line Up

We recently introduced an afternoon line up, directly after lunch. This was to ensure the pupils are more settled and to ensure an orderly transition into school. This has been extremely successful, and we will continue this moving forward. Students are rewarded up to 30 Bulwell Bucks daily for a good line up and transition.

If any student is removed from the afternoon line up, due to failure to follow our expectations, the pupil will receive a 15-minute after school detention on the same day.

If you would like to discuss the uniform policy, or if you are struggling to purchase items of school uniform then please do not hesitate to contact us at enquiries@bulwellacademy.org.uk or alternatively on (0115) 9647640.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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