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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to provide you with advance notice of changes to our school uniform that will be introduced from September **2020**. These changes have been approved by Governors and Parent Voice representatives.

If you are buying items of school uniform, including shoes, between now and the start of September 2020 this letter highlights to you the new requirements.

The changes are being made to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by students in the school and to ensure it is representative of the high standards we uphold. We have listened carefully to parents who had concerns over the appropriateness of some trouser and shoe designs. It is our aim to eliminate any ambiguity and we believe that parents will appreciate clarity over what constitutes correct uniform. The changes we are bringing in will ensure that our students look consistent, and valuable staff time is not spent dealing with uniform related issues.

The changes we are making are the introduction of standardised school trousers and updating our rules around school shoes.

The trousers have the schools initials embroidered at the pocket and will be available in both male and female fit. The trousers can only be purchased via our current school uniform supplier Emblem who are based in Wickford and are the only trousers that students will be permitted to wear in school from 1st September 2020.

The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College are the sole supplier of the school skirt and school tie.

In addition, the following items will also NOT be accepted as uniform:-

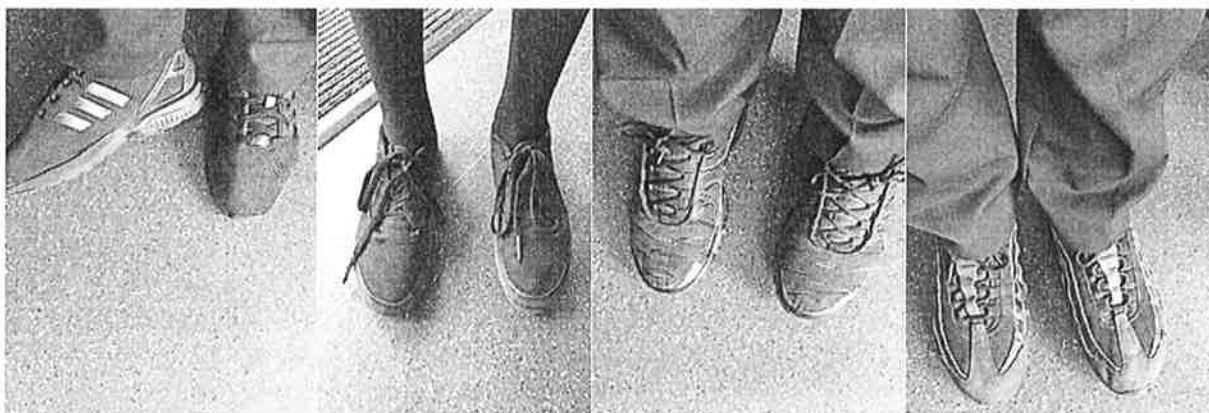
- Leggings of any type;
- Headscarves (excluding religious wear) / bandanas/ large hair slides/baseball caps or other headwear;
- Non-uniform jumpers & cardigans;
- Extreme hairstyles - only natural hair colour is allowed and no beading or inappropriate hair accessories;
- Only discreet make-up is allowed - in practical terms this means no lipstick, eye shadow, eye liner or false eyelashes;
- Coloured nail varnish - nails should be natural in appearance and short in length; false/gel nails are not acceptable;
- Visible jewellery, including earrings;
- Brightly coloured socks;
- Watches are permitted, however, please note that any notification function on any watch **MUST** be turned off; watches that have notification settings on, will be treated the same as mobile phones, confiscated and returned only to a parent.

The rules on school shoes have also been updated. Students will only be permitted to wear black leather or leather effect shoes from 1st September 2020. Nike Air Force 1 trainers or similar will not be permitted.

Buying the correct footwear can be problematic. Our policy is that footwear:

- must be black leather or leather in appearance and laces must also be black;
- we do not allow trainers/sportswear shoes – (these will usually have some form of canvas or logo on them and have a toe cap that comes up from the sole and over the toes);
- we do not allow sandals, canvas, backless, sling back shoes or fashion boots – all shoes should have low heels.

These are some examples of **unacceptable** footwear.



If you are unsure about acceptable shoes please contact the school prior to making a purchase.

If a student is not wearing the correct shoes the school will supply footwear for the student to wear until appropriate shoes can be purchased. As stated above, from September 2020 students are only permitted to wear black leather or leather effect shoes.

Our uniform expectations can be found in the Academic Planner and on the School website. Please note that should a student be found to be wearing incorrect uniform, they may be withdrawn from their normal timetable whilst parents are contacted. In some cases it may be necessary to send a student home to make the necessary adjustments to their uniform, before returning to their learning. Please understand that with regard to uniform **the school's decision in all matters is final.**

At the Bromfords School and Sixth Form College we place an emphasis on the pride students demonstrate whilst wearing their school uniform both in school, in the wider community and whilst representing the school on trips and visits and would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Thank you in anticipation for your support in this matter. It is very important we maintain and take forward the high standards we have all established throughout this year.

Yours sincerely

J Edwards

Mr Edwards
Deputy Headteacher