

10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of the academic year and begin to prepare for the new autumn term, I wanted to write to you and thank you for your continued support regarding uniform. Standards of uniform in Tanfield School are very high and we will continue to have high expectations of our students when it comes to their personal appearance. I am pleased to say that the vast majority of students are very smartly dressed and wear their uniform with pride.

Visitors and members of the general public have commented on how smart our students look and I would like to thank all students and their parents/carers for supporting the school by ensuring that the correct uniform is worn every day. It is due to this continued support our standards remain high.

The Summer break is often a popular time for purchasing new uniform, as children grow out of their uniform all too quickly or uniform becomes damaged due to continual wear and tear. As fashions change and manufacturers push the boundaries for acceptable 'school wear' the challenge of maintaining a fair and consistent approach does not diminish and we reiterate the expectation that blazers are compulsory, trousers must be formal, skirts must be the Tanfield Tartan, shoes should be black (not trainers) and socks should be dark ankle socks (not trainer socks below the ankle).

#### **Tartan skirts**

All skirt orders placed to date are guaranteed to be available during August. If you have requested and paid for home delivery they will be sent home. If you have requested shop collection they will be available to collect from store or from school if that is what was requested.

A text will be sent from school nearer the time giving dates the skirts can be collected from school during the holidays.

As this is the first year, it is very difficult to estimate what the take up will be, so to avoid being caught out by shortages we strongly recommend that you order skirts within the next 7 days, if you have not already done so.

#### **The tartan skirt will be the only acceptable skirt for students to wear from September.**

If you intend or need to purchase new uniform ready for the next school year, please refer to the family handbook or uniform section on the school website. Please do not be pressurised or convinced by your child to buy the incorrect uniform as this can be expensive if it does not meet our high standards regarding appearance and presentation.

When students return to school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**, all students will be carefully checked for uniform, jewellery, hair/make-up and false nails/nail varnish. Anyone wishing to get their ears pierced should do so at the beginning of the 6 weeks holidays so piercings can be removed before returning to school (a plaster, tape or a plastic retainer is not a solution to piercings and students should not get piercings done during or near term time). If there is a problem, which cannot be put right in school, then parents/carers will be contacted and arrangements made for students to be collected in order to change into correct uniform or remove make-up/jewellery.

I am sure, like us, you want our students to continue to present themselves in a smart, professional way and will do all you can to ensure your child is in full uniform.

As always, thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Jones  
Deputy Headteacher