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Dear Parent/Carer

Winter Expectations for Uniform at BFS

We are very proud of our smart uniform at BFS and work hard to maintain high expectations. Towards the end of this term we have noticed an increase in uniform breaches. We believe this is linked to the colder climate, however we need to maintain uniform standards at all times.

We are writing to you to clarify school uniform expectations and ask you to continue to support us in maintaining our high standards

All of the following are unacceptable:

- Wearing socks over tights
- Leggings or deliberately ripped/laddered tights
- Rolled up skirts or skirts of an inappropriate length
- Low hanging trousers showing underwear
- Ankle boots and trainers
- Hoodies
- Blazers not being worn
- Black trousers

Term 3 is our coldest term so we are outlining the BFS uniform expectations and adjustments for the colder weather.

All students will be expected to wear full school uniform from the start of term 3

<https://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/uniform>

- Students are encouraged to wear a coat to school. This can be navy or black. It will not be worn in lessons unless the School deems it acceptable in extreme cold weather. This will be communicated to students by staff.
- A plain navy sweater can be worn on top of the school shirt and under the school blazer in cold weather.
- Hats and gloves can be worn to and from the teaching blocks but not inside or in lessons.
- If students arrive at school with unacceptable uniform, they will be expected to correct this by using school stock or if a serious uniform breach will be sent home to correct.

Examples of serious breaches include extreme hair styles or non-natural colour, facial piercing, jeans or clothes that are not considered school uniform.

BFS does sign up to the Halo Code for Afro-hairstyles and Afro-textured hair but does not allow durags in school, so families are encouraged to plan hair styles around term dates.

- Trousers and skirts must be charcoal grey, **not black**.
- Ties are compulsory, apart from in extreme hot weather and Blazers are compulsory in Terms 1-5.
- Jumpers must either be BFS branded, or plain navy. We do not allow other branded jumpers, black or grey jumpers or hoodies.
- Shoes - must be 'black, leather and polishable' and with no discernible branding. We do not accept trainers that cannot be polished and that have visible branding on them.



- Jewellery - one silver or gold stud per ear. No piercings in the upper ear, no nose piercings and no dangly or hooped earrings. No rings, necklaces, chains or bracelets, including charity bands. No other forms of body piercing.
- Make-up: Discreet foundation is permitted. No nail varnish, lip stick, artificial nails, eye shadow, mascara or heavy black lines etc.

We are fortunate to have lots of good condition, secondhand uniform in stock. We plan to hold a sale at the start of term 3, so please do take advantage of this if needed, by contacting our main reception.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of the expectations for School equipment at BFS:

Students are expected to bring a school bag, ideally a rucksack, to carry the essential equipment:

- Blue/black pen
- Red pen
- A spare pen (or spare cartridges if you have a fountain pen)
- Pencil case
- 2 Pencils and a sharpener
- Eraser
- 30cm ruler
- A pair of compasses
- A protractor
- A set of coloured pencils
- A glue stick
- Reading book
- Calculator (preferably Casio 83GTX or 85GTX).

If families are experiencing financial difficulties please do email the school office, admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk, who will check whether you are entitled to additional support.

We hope you enjoy the holidays and thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



Mr M MacBlain and
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