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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of another busy year in school, I once again write to ask for your support. As Pastoral Deputy, I am always very proud of the way our students conduct themselves in the community and it goes without saying, that I am immensely proud of their academic progress and focus on learning. Having said this, we can never stand still and should always strive to improve the standards here in school.

One concern I have centres around uniform and in particular items of clothing below the waist. In short, I have four issues:

1. Boys' trousers that are made of denim/chino material that have skinny (drainpipe) legs.
2. Girls' trousers that are 'low slung' (hipsters) excessively tight and 'skinny fit' below the knee.
3. Girls' skirts, that are too short i.e. (not below knee length), too 'clingy' and made of lycra or other elasticated materials.
4. Footwear, canvas shoes, plimsolls and trainers worn as school shoes.

My first request is that if you intend to replace any skirts or trousers or shoes during summer that you follow the dress code which is attached. Some school outfitters are selling skinny trousers and it can become confusing if you go to these establishments, however, I would ask you to ensure that any new items conform to the aforementioned guidelines from school.

I intend to have a clamp down on these four uniform issues in September and would appreciate your help in preparing your child/children for the coming year. I write at this time to ensure an appropriate time window for you to ensure conformity and or purchase new items of clothing for school. I do understand that this may cause some problems as the students like to adapt our uniform to conform to current trends and fashions; however, we believe that high standards in dress and attitude add to high quality learning. We will endeavour to ensure that temporary modification of the uniform are sorted out in school and ask you to ensure that the original garments conform to the uniform guidelines.

High standards across all aspects of school life are important to us and I would therefore ask for your help in driving these standards even higher.

Thanking you in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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