

12 January 2012

Dear Parent/Carer



The Radcliffe School Uniform requirements

The Radcliffe School Governing Body has the responsibility to keep all policies under review, and as a consequence of requests from parents/carers, at its meeting of 10 January 2012, they agreed to consider current requirements regarding certain elements of school uniform policy.

The issues discussed were suitable footwear and make-up.

Footwear (male and female)

The following additional information will be added to the school's policy documents with immediate effect:

"Shoes should be black, flat heeled, sturdy and suitable for the current weather (no boots, sandals, trainers or flimsy types)."

The Governors concluded that this additional information would not require any students who comply with current policy to change their footwear, and consequently, this guidance will take immediate effect.

Make-up

Whilst the wearing of make-up is strongly discouraged, especially for younger students, some make-up may be worn if it is discreet eg: no heavy eye make-up or unnaturally bright colours, pink or clear nail varnish only. Excessive or inappropriate make-up and nail varnish will need to be removed. The school will make the final decision on what is viewed as excessive or inappropriate.

Hair

Unnatural colour hair dyes, such as pink, green, blue etc are not acceptable. Students who already have coloured hair as discussed above will be given sufficient time to 'grow-out' the colour.

Uniform is not optional at The Radcliffe School and we believe that it supports the learning culture and encourages a business-like, fit for purpose environment which in turn, promotes higher standards.

The Governors are conscious of the need to ensure that our uniform remains very good value for money, with the majority of items available from a large variety of retailers at reasonable prices. The school's branded items are provided by a supplier who we believe provides good customer service and value for money. We trust this has been your experience, but we welcome feedback as it will help us to further improve our service.

Finally, the school's policy is that no student will be disadvantaged due to financial hardship. Please contact me at the school should you wish to discuss this, or any other aspect of our school's uniform policy.

Yours sincerely

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