Clarification of School Uniform Expectations

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Winterhill School, we are committed to maintaining high standards of uniform as part of our culture of being **ready to learn**. We believe that a smart and consistent uniform helps to promote high standards, a sense of belonging and readiness to learn. We are therefore writing to clarify an aspect of our uniform expectations ahead of January 2027.

I would like to remind parents and carers of the expectations set out in our Uniform and Equipment Policy. The policy states that students should "**wear plain black trousers and that sportswear-type trousers, including branded or sports leggings",** are not acceptable.

Over recent months, we have seen an increase in the number of students attending school wearing leggings (sports leggings and lycra fashion leggings), in place of school trousers. While we appreciate that some families may not have been aware of this requirement, leggings are **not** part of our school uniform.

To ensure consistency and fairness for all students, from January 2027, the school will be applying this aspect of the Uniform and Equipment Policy consistently.

Students will be required to wear plain, black trousers that are open at the bottom and designed for school wear; I have provided examples at the end of this letter.

The school's existing graduated response to uniform breaches, in line with our uniform policy, will be followed for any students who don't arrive in plain black school trousers from the start of Term 2 in January 2027.

Please note, the graduated response includes potential parental contact and all students being required to rectify breaches of the uniform policy with any appropriate uniform we have in stock.

We are providing this advance notice to give families sufficient time to make any necessary arrangements before the start of the Spring Term in January 2027.

As always, we recognise that some families may experience financial difficulties. The school maintains a stock of some new and second-hand uniform and will work sensitively with families where support may be required.

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Thank you for your continued support in maintaining the high standards of uniform that help foster a positive learning environment for all students.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Reeder
Headteacher

Examples of our uniform policy school trousers. Please note, school trousers are <u>open</u> at the bottom, like the examples below:

Tight-fitting leggings, sports leggings, jeggings, jeans, jogging bottoms, cargo trousers and any other tight-fitting stretch leggings are not part of our school uniform policy: