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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Uniform Expectations from September 2025**

I would like to take the opportunity to communicate with you the changes we will be making to our uniform from September 2025.

Girls will be expected to wear tights if they choose to wear a skirt. This will be compulsory. This means that any girl who attends school in a skirt will be expected to wear tights. Fluffy socks over tights are not permitted.

The change to compulsory tights with skirts is in response to concerns raised by parents and stakeholders. Uniform was also a topic of discussion in our most recent parent's forum. Both parents and stakeholders have supported this change.

Girls will also continue to have the option of wearing tailored black trousers (this does not include leggings, jeans or jeggings).

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work or wear a uniform.

In addition to this I would like to clarify our expectations for students and parents before we start back after the summer holidays.

The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference, but please see the additional guidance below:

Skirts - Pleated with Stockport Academy badge. To be worn at knee length. Please can you check your daughter's skirt and ensure that it is the correct length. Girls must also wear black tights if they are wearing a skirt. Girls can also opt to wear plain black smart trousers.

<u>Trousers</u>- We encourage that all our students wear black smart trousers as part of the school uniform.

Socks - black or white (no fluffy or frilly socks)

**Shoes** – black shoes only (no trainers, no Nike air force ones )

Blazers – Blazers must be worn at all times (students may remove their blazers in lessons at the discretion of the class teacher)

<u>Ties-</u> Students must wear the correct colour tie for their year groups.

































<u>V Neck Jumpers</u> – Green Stockport Academy V neck jumpers available to buy as part of the school uniform, we encourage that all our students start wearing a V neck jumper.

<u>Make-up, false eyelashes / nail varnish</u> – must not be worn for school. If any students wear fake lashes, make up or nail varnish, they will be asked to remove them by staff.

<u>Smart Watches</u>- Smart watches are not part of the school uniform and are not allowed to be worn in school. If they are worn they will be taken off them and handed to their year team. Students can then collect the watch from their year team at the end of the day. Non Wi-Fi watches are permitted to be worn.

<u>Jewellery</u>- Earrings / bracelets / nose pins / necklaces / rings – any form of jewellery is not permitted to be worn in school. If they are worn, students will be asked to remove the item and it will be handed to their year team. Students can collect their jewellery from their year team at the end of the day.

Stockport Academy is not liable for any jewellery or smart watches that go missing, none of these items should be worn to school.

<u>School bag</u> – all students must bring a school bag into school, along with their pencil case containing essential equipment. If students fail to bring a bag into school, we will provide them with a bag and you will be charged for the cost of the bag at £9.

<u>Outdoor coats</u> – all outdoor coats must be removed once students are inside the building. Hoodies are not allowed to be worn to school.

We will be enforcing the uniform policy daily in school with zero tolerance of infringements.

Any students who are not in the correct uniform will get a sanction, and their parents will be contacted and expected to bring the correct uniform in.

If there are any extenuating circumstances, which means you are unable to meet the uniform requirements, then we do offer pre loved uniform in school. Please email the school office stating 'pre loved uniform' and one of our team will be in contact with you.

We look forward to your support in ensuring all students are looking smart and trust the guidance above makes things clearer for everyone.

Your sincerely

Mrs McNulty

**Assistant Principal**