



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

4th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Reminder of School Uniform Expectations and Facial Masks

I hope this letter finds you well.

As we strive to maintain the highest standards of discipline, positivity and academic excellence at Archbishop Tenison's School, we would like to take a moment to remind parents and carers about our school uniform expectations – letters were also sent in May, July and August 2023 in relation to our expectations.

We believe that school uniform plays a vital role in creating a conducive learning environment, fostering a sense of pride and belonging among pupils, and preparing them for the world of work. To maintain uniformity and uphold these values, we kindly request your support in ensuring that your child adheres to the Schools' Uniform Policy.

Please find below key points:

- 1. Full School Uniform:** All pupils must be in full school uniform at all times. This includes the appropriate clothing, footwear, and accessories as outlined in our School Uniform Policy - [School Uniform Policy](#).
- 2. Confiscation of Non-Uniform Items:** Pupils who arrive at school wearing non-uniform items will have these items confiscated. It is essential for pupils to come to school dressed according to our uniform guidelines.
- 3. Contacting Parents and Carers:** In the first instance, if your child arrives to school not fully dressed in school uniform, we will contact you to bring in the missing item of uniform or obtain permission from you, for your child to go home to correct this.
- 4. Exclusion from Circulation:** If the missing uniform item cannot be provided, your child will be out of circulation for the day. This measure is taken to maintain consistency in our approach.
- 5. Exceptional Circumstances:** We understand that some pupils may face exceptional circumstances that make it challenging to fulfil the uniform requirement. We encourage parents and carers in such situations to reach out to the school, so we can work together to find a suitable solution.

To ensure consistency in our approach and emphasise personal responsibility, we would like to inform you that **we will no longer be lending items of school uniform.** Borrowing uniform may send the wrong message to pupils about being responsible and adhering to school rules.

By working together to uphold our School's Uniform Policy, we aim to educate the whole person and prepare them for success in the world of work and life beyond.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your child, we look forward to your continued cooperation in maintaining our high standards.

Face Masks

I am also writing to remind you of an important update regarding our school's policy on Face Masks. Face Masks are not permitted to be worn on the school site, unless your child has a valid medical reason that requires them to wear a face mask. In such cases, we kindly request that you provide medical proof from your child's doctor, indicating the necessity of wearing a face mask while at school, medical notes are to be sent to your child's Head of Year (HoY), and copy in the Year Senior Pastoral Leader (SPL).

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The decision to make this change was not taken lightly. It is based on the observations and experiences that many schools, including ours, have encountered, we have witnessed instances of face masks being used as a point of rudeness, pupils failing to follow instructions, eating in classrooms, and using them to communicate with their peers, among other inappropriate uses.

Any pupil who is seen wearing a mask without medical evidence will be asked to remove their mask.

We believe that by implementing this change and requiring medical proof for mask-wearing, we can create a more focused and conducive learning environment while addressing these issues. We want to emphasise that the safety and well-being of all pupils remain paramount, and this decision has been made with careful consideration of the evolving situation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Yours Sincerely



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Deputy Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form

Note: Please remind your son/daughter, piercings that go against the Schools' Uniform Policy will result in them being out of circulation, e.g. Nose piercings.

Also, please be aware that the Schools' Mobile Phone Policy is currently being revised and will be in place by April 2024, further communication will be sent out in due course.