

RP/NM/da/Uniform update

24th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

A huge thank you!

First of all, I want to say how proud I am of the vast majority of our pupils who have settled well into the new routines that have been introduced since January.

Line up has been an enormous success. Mornings start calmly now because we come together as a school to celebrate successes, pass on essential information and ensure our school standards of uniform are being maintained. We decided right from the start to not do line up if it is raining, but this has been surprisingly rare despite the unpredictability of British weather!

So again, a huge thank you to our pupils, your children, for the way they have supported us each and every morning.

We will continue to inform you of the standards we are driving here at Bloxwich Academy, ensuring that everyone is aware of our expectations. This is especially important for uniform. We do this to allow time to purchase any of the equipment or uniform required to meet our high school standards. It also prevents any misunderstandings on the increasingly rare occasions we have to sanction pupils for not meeting our standards.

Why is uniform so important?

One of our most treasured values at Bloxwich Academy is the right of every child to be treated with respect and it is for this reason that we are pushing our uniform standards with such vigour. Our uniform is an equalizer, paying no mind to wealth, social status, race, or religion, ensuring that when each child is at school, they are visually no different to any other child. It is also the reason we do not have branded, expensive uniform, ensuring that each item can be purchased from any number of stores, including George at Asda, Sainsbury's, and many items at Primark.

Symbols of wealth, such as Valentino (fashion) belts, gold and silver bracelets, hooped gold or silver earrings and sovereign style rings have no place in our school. This is because they can be dangerous, causing pupils to become targets of theft. It is also because those pupils who may not have access to such status symbols can be made to feel embarrassed that they cannot afford the latest bracelets, earrings or fashion belts. This goes directly against our drive to equalise the experiences our children have at school and ensure no child feels undervalued, or ashamed of what they do not have.

After half term

As I explained in my last letter about uniform, we will be stepping up sanctions for pupils who wear leggings. We will then be doing the same for noticeably short skirts. Our uniform policy clearly states that leggings are not permitted, and pupils are to wear skirts that reach to the knee. We will send home to change any pupil who is incorrectly dressed.



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See below the behaviour focuses for after half term

1. No leggings after half term.
2. No noticeably short skirts.
3. Blazers must be worn and not carried around or stuffed in bags unless permission has been given to remove it, usually due to warm weather at the Headteacher's discretion.
4. No jewellery other than a single small ring and a pair of silver or gold studs.
5. No hoodies, coats or branded tops are to be worn beneath the blazer.
6. No trainers, crocs or pumps are to be worn in the place of school shoes.
7. Socks are to be worn below the knee.

See below the focus from September

1. All the focuses outlined above will remain in place from September. In addition:
2. Pupils will not be permitted to wear tight short skirts – skirts must reach the knee.
3. Pupils will be expected to have their planner with them at all times.
4. Fake eyelashes will need to be removed in school.

As you can see, these are not changes to our current uniform policy, which can be accessed on our website. I am merely ensuring that all parents and carers are clear about our expectations to avoid any unnecessary confusion.

Change to the end of the school day from September

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you of a slight change to the end of the school day. From September, all pupils in both Key Stage 3 and 4, will finish the school day at 3:10pm. No pupil will leave prior to this time.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful half term break, enjoying some time with your children. Let us hope that the sun shines and we all return safe, rested, and ready for the final few weeks of the school year.

Please find the link to our calendar term dates below:

[Calendar – Term Dates – Bloxwich Academy](#)

Yours sincerely



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