

22nd May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Uniform Expectations

I hope this letter finds you well.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our uniform expectations. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that students attend the academy in full uniform. The link to our uniform information on our website is <https://www.ripon.outwood.com/uniform>.

Our school uniform is an essential aspect of maintaining a positive and professional learning environment. Supporting and educating our students to get them ready for working life where similar expectations are crucial. A smart uniform improves self-esteem and self-respect, so that all pupils have a sense of pride in their appearance, we expect uniform to be worn appropriately and in its entirety as described on our website.

We welcome your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school wearing the correct uniform. The correct uniform encompasses the wearing of jewellery and our expectation is that this is limited to essentials only. A wristwatch and Medic Alert necklace or bracelet for healthy and safety purposes is permitted only. Those with earrings or piercings are required to wear a clear plastic stud.

Pupils not following our uniform expectations will be supported to address this by borrowing items of uniform from the school on a loan basis for the day. Parents will be informed that this has taken place so they can assist with ensuring the correct uniform is available to the student and is worn correctly in future. Students are able, if stock supports, to borrow items for a day in cases of emergency. However, we require your child to return borrowed items at the end of the same school day.

Trutex has notified us that they are committed to providing replacements for any broken ties. If your child's tie has become damaged or broken, we encourage you to take advantage of this offer. We have been informed by Trutex of the following:

- Parents who have purchased ties online with Trutex Direct, will need to log onto their Trutex Direct account to log a fault or email td@trutex.com to log their fault – you will need your account number details for the email.
- Parents who have purchased ties from a local retailer will need to go back there and speak to the retailer, who should have procedures in place and be able to advise the parent what they can do for them.

For students who persistently attend the Academy, wearing incorrect uniform, will continue to be issued with a sanction, accompanied with a call home to discuss how the Academy can offer support. If an item of borrowed clothing is not returned or is damaged you will be invoiced for the replacement of the uniform item. For example, the cost for a tie is £6.50. All prices for uniform items can be found on <https://www.trutex.com/> then enter our unique code - LEA00642SC.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the uniform requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to assist you. Email: enquiries@ripon.outwood.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. D O'Brien
Vice Principal