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Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that we have almost completed the first week back after half term. It has been a real positive start; students have settled quickly in to school again and it is great to see our students continuing to demonstrate our values of being kind, polite & responsible and I want to thank you for your support with this.

On returning to school, we do not have 100% of our students adhering to our uniform policy. School uniform is about promoting inclusivity and a sense of community in school. It represents the standards we are striving to achieve for all students in school and removes distractions and issues between students. We believe in treating our students consistently and fairly and the purpose of this letter is to remind you of our policy so we can ensure that <u>every student</u> is meeting expectation. For those who fall short of our expectations, we will to continue to issues sanctions.

Our uniform policy remains on our website so that you can check it at any point if you are unsure. Here is a link <u>Uniform & Equipment</u>.

To clarify, our policy regarding uniform is as follows:

School Dress - Students should wear

- Black trousers (not leggings, jeggings or jeans)
- Black school shoes (no trainers, which includes all black 'Air Force Ones')
- Meden Blazer
- Meden tie. (replacements can be purchased online or via SQUID tie only)
- White shirt (long or short sleeved) with a formal collar to clip on their tie).
- An optional black V-neck jumper can be worn (no hoodies or sports jackets)
- A warm waterproof coat during the winter months.

Equipment – a students should bring with them **every day**

- A school bag
- Pencil case with pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, whiteboard pen, green pen.
- Whiteboard & planner
- Lanyard
- Culture Card

Remember: Students are **permitted to wear 1 pair of stud earrings and a watch** (not a smart watch). Anything other than this can cause a potential safety risk & so rings, bracelets, necklaces, hooped or dangly earrings are not permitted. Other piercings of any kind are not permitted in school (nose, tongue, facial or other) If any of these items are worn, they will be confiscated and a negative mark given on the culture card. You will be asked to collect these items from school.

We do acknowledge that during the holidays when students are out of school, they want to dress very differently & express their own individuality. It is really important when students return to school that any false or acrylic nails or false eye lashes are removed and hair is returned to a natural colour and we really appreciate your support with this.





Can I ask that you take some time over the weekend to ensure that if needed you arrange to get any false nails or eye lashes removed and check that your child is fully equipped for learning. **From Monday** we will be focusing on children coming in to school and ensuring that everyone is smart and appropriately dressed for school.

If your child needs a tie you can purchase one through Squid as we carry a small stock in school. Once payment is received we will inform student services to issue a tie. We cannot accept cash, only SQUID payments.

If for any reason, you have difficulty with uniform or there are issues on any particular day, please contact the school. Likewise, please keep us informed of any medical concerns that will affect clothing. **Email us on office@medenschool.co.uk**

Thank you so much for your continued support to make Meden School a place where our children can thrive and grow. A school we can all be proud to be part of.

Kind regards

Mr S Morton Deputy Headteacher