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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: **Uniform Expectations**

I hope that the beginning of your summer holidays has been restful and enjoyable. I imagine, over the next few weeks families will be purchasing certain items of school uniform. This letter is to help inform your choice when it comes to purchasing school uniform and shoes to ensure that you do not waste your money on prohibited items. We request that all families read the [parent and carer guide](#) to ensure that you are fully aware of the expectations of learners.

Uniform & Shoes (pg 18-20 of the parent and carer guide)

- The school uniform code in the parent and carer guide clearly states the requirements of Beacon Hill Academy. **We ask for your support in ensuring that uniform expectations are upheld and that learners do not contravene these stipulations.**
- Full school uniform including the blazer must be worn at all times. During warm weather, learners are permitted to carry their blazer whilst transitioning around school or place their blazer on the back of the chair in classrooms. However, blazers must be visible at all times.
- Learners must only wear black trousers or skirts. Trousers should be tailored (not stretch) and full length. If a learner wears a skirt it **must reach at least the top of the knee at all times** including when walking (it is unacceptable for the skirt only to be the correct length if the learner pulls it down). A variety of skirt styles are permitted within school including box pleats, A-line and pencil – stretch skirts are not permitted. Leggings, denim and jeans are also not permitted. Some learners may wear a plain black Shalwar Kameez.
- Learners are to wear formal, smart, black leather or patent shoes. **Learners are not permitted to wear trainers or other canvas footwear.** This includes black leather trainers including those without markings. School shoes should have no visible branding (whether the branding is a different colour or black) including Nike 'ticks' or sporting logos. If the learner chooses to wear black ballet pumps, these should be plain black without any accessories, such as studs.
- Boots are not acceptable (a boot is defined as anything that touches or comes above the ankle bone).



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Please see below the examples of footwear that are and are not acceptable.



The following question is often asked to learners, “if you painted them white, what would they look like?” If the answer is “trainers” then they are not appropriate school shoes.

Jewellery and Accessories (pg 20 of the parent and carer guide)

- Jewellery is limited to **one small plain metal stud** in each ear lobe; no facial piercings are permitted e.g. nose studs. Stretcher style piercings are not permitted in any circumstances. **No other jewellery such as bracelets and rings are permitted** to be worn and will be confiscated if seen. Jewellery cannot be worn during PE lessons. If jewellery is worn for medical reasons, suitable medical evidence identifying the reasons for this must be provided to the school.
- As stated in the previous bullet, it is important to note that nose rings, studs or clear articles of jewellery which affix the nose or face are **not permitted** under any circumstances. This includes ‘**retainers**’.
- Hair accessories such as bows, flowers and wide bands are not permitted, thin ‘Alice bands’ may be worn. Only natural hair dyes are permitted - this also includes hair extensions or braids. Hair should be no shorter than grade 1 and **no design lines/patterns are allowed**.
- A plain black head covering (for religious purposes) is permitted, however, additional close-fitting cloths such as durags are not allowed to be worn on school site.
- **Outdoor coats must be removed once inside the school building** and denim/leather jackets and hoodies are **NOT** to be brought onto the school site.
- Learners are not permitted to wear nail varnish and acrylic/false nails must be removed for school.

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PE Kit

- PE Kit is available from Crested School Wear, Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley 01384 918 330. The arrangement with Crested allows for kit to be sampled and tried for size in store locally. Please **do not** order your PE Kit online via the Surridge website.
- The minimum and compulsory requirement for PE Kit is a **Beacon Hill Academy branded Polo Shirt** and **Beacon Hill Academy Branded Shorts (or Beacon Hill Academy leggings)** with **plain black socks**. Other branded items are available but are **not compulsory**.
- If learners are injured or unable to take part in PE, it is expected that they bring a note from home **along with** their Beacon Hill Academy PE Kit. This will ensure they are changed out of their school uniform and then actively involved in the lesson via a number of different roles. Your child's PE teacher will reinforce this expectation upon their return in September.

Values driven behaviour expectations and technology/mobile phones

- The academy continues to operate the Values Driven Expectation system. We expect the highest standards of our learners, in terms of their attitude to learning; each other; our staff and the pride which they show in wearing the academy's uniform.
- Mobile phones/IPADs/IPODs/MP3/4 players and headphones (unless in an ICT lesson) cannot be used at any time on the school site. They will be confiscated if seen. Smart watches may be used but their functionality at school must be limited to reading the time.

Over the summer holiday, we will continue to send out further communications. In the meantime, please spend some time talking through these expectations with your child and if you have any queries please email helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Dhama
Principal



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