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Dear Parent/Carer,

Physical Education Kit and Uniform Requirements

As we approach the end of term, I am writing to advise you of the Newstead Wood School uniform and physical education kit requirements for our return in September. Please note, there are some changes to requirements regarding wearing PE kit to school.

We will continue to allow <u>students in Key Stage 3</u> to come into school in their physical education kit **on days when they have physical education lessons only**. Students are expected to wear the physical education kit outlined in the <u>Newstead Wood School Uniform Requirements</u>. On days when students have sports clubs, they will be required to wear school uniform and change into their PE kit for the club.

From September, we will expect <u>students in Key Stages 4 and 5</u> to come into school in full uniform on days when they have physical education lessons and sports clubs and change at school for those specific periods.

We will continue our focus on ensuring that students are always wearing the correct uniform, and this includes ensuring students are wearing appropriate shoes and not black trainers or boots.

We know that uniform is an important part of developing a sense of togetherness and belonging among students as well as encouraging pride in our community. We expect the best for and of our students, and the way they wear their uniform reflects these high standards.

You will already be familiar with our uniform requirements from our <u>website</u>, but I have highlighted some of the key aspects below.

<u>Blazers</u>

Blazers should be worn at all times including the days when KS3 students are wearing their Physical Education kit.

Skirts and Trousers

Skirts should be of a professional length. Trousers should be in a smart style and plain black. **Black jeans or leggings are not allowed.**

<u>Shoes</u>

Students should only wear plain black wide-heeled shoes (heels no higher than 2 inches), leather or other hard material. *Sandals or boots of any description are not allowed. Black trainers are not allowed to be worn with school uniform.*

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Socks and tights

Students should wear ankle or knee length black socks, plain black or clear tights. White socks are allowed in the summer term. *Over the knee socks or stockings/hold ups are not allowed. Patterned tights or socks are not allowed.*

Jewellery

Students can wear: a simple necklace or chain, a small pendant or charm, one plain and narrow ring, small and plain studs – one per ear in the lobe. A wristwatch may also be worn. *No other jewellery is allowed.*

Make up and nail varnish

In Years 10 and 11 discreet make-up and clear, not coloured, nail varnish is allowed. *Students in Years 7-9 are not allowed to wear makeup or nail varnish to school.*

Hair accessories and hair colours

Hair accessories should be plain black or dark green. *Extreme hairstyles and hair colours which are not natural are not allowed.*

Physical Education

Physical education kit includes the black school leggings with the school logo, school PE skirt or shorts, school polo shirt and black physical education track top with school logo if required. *Leggings or shorts with sports logos are not allowed.* Ensure you have appropriate footwear for sport and physical activity, i.e. sports trainers with grip. Please avoid sports fashion footwear e.g. Air Force, Converse as they are not suitable for physical activity.

Uniform checks

From September, we will be conducting uniform checks each day. Any students not in the correct uniform will be asked to correct their uniform and may receive a lunchtime detention. If students arrive in incorrect uniform, we will endeavour to lend them freshly laundered items from a small range that we keep in stock.

We will contact you if uniform is not correct and if there are repeat infringements. We may confiscate items and ask that you come in and collect them from main reception.

If you feel there may be financial difficulties in meeting our uniform requirements, then please contact the school in confidence to discuss the matter further.

As we prepare our students to be future leaders, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support again this year and to wish you and your families a relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs S Sword Deputy Headteacher