Jordanhill School
Strive for the Highest

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards warmer weather, we plan once again to return to full school uniform following the Easter holiday.

We often use assemblies and tutor time to explain the 'why' of our school rules, so pupils know the rationale and that it is carefully considered. We have shared this letter with parents / carers before so those who don't wish to read at length should simply note the following bullet points that come into effect after the Easter holiday:

- Pupils should not wear hoodies. If the weather is bad, then school jumpers and / or dark coloured jackets can be worn **with** the blazers. School hats are also available.
- We will remind pupils about wearing plain black shoes rather than trainers or boots. Full details can be found in the uniform booklet on the link below. We would note that neither Ugg boots nor leg or ankle warmers are part of the school dress code.
- We have recently noted a slip in general tidiness. Most often we are reminding pupils about skirts being knee-length and trousers full length; shirts being tucked in; blazers and ties to be worn every day; and shoelaces must be properly tied as this is also a safety issue.

The above are reminders rather than changes and full details can be found in our School Uniform Booklet and School Shoes guidelines here: Uniform & Resources – Jordanhill School

Thank you for the ongoing support of these simple routines and habits.

The role of dress code
At Jordanhill School we feel dress code is one of the ways that we can stress the importance of high expectations and our focus on small details. We know that this is only half of our 'warm demander' ethos, and we do hope that young people also find the school a caring place full of engaging lessons and a wide range of extracurricular opportunities, clubs, school trips and other enriching activities.

We spend a lot of time focusing on areas like dress code as we believe they create a shared community and purpose. It is also our firm belief that simplifying dress code helps to make the process of coming to school easier and helps to reduce competition and isolation amongst pupils. These are important supports for pupil wellbeing.

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School hoodies

For several years, we have allowed pupils to wear school branded sports hoodies during the colder months (Oct – March). Almost all young people have responded to this very positively, but we do still have to speak to some pupils about having their hoods up during the school day. While we make allowances when there is significant rain, schools where pupils regularly wear their hoodies up around the campus have a significantly different atmosphere. We are very keen for this not to be part of our school culture as it can lead to negative behaviours that benefit no-one. For cold days, school jumpers and hats are available, and pupils can still wear dark coloured outdoor jackets over their blazers.

Occasionally, young people wear their own hoodies. While this may be convenient at times, we do need to be consistent about this or the issues of competitive clothing start to creep in.

School shoes

Our focus on consistency is something which we also feel is important in terms of school shoes. We have seen a marked increase in the number of pupils wearing trainers in the last few years.

Brand competition is something which we often see in trainers which are specifically marketed to young people as a status symbol. We really want to minimise this pressure on parents and young people. For that reason, we will be reminding pupils that they must follow the guidance about which we wrote home and shared with young people in assemblies last summer: School-shoes-2022-23.pdf (jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk)

We do not expect parents / carers to buy expensive shoes immediately but do know that some young people are wearing trainers when they have school shoes at home. To that end, it would help if you could write a short note to your young person's tutor if there is a reason that they are not able to wear school shoes this coming term.

Yours sincerely

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