



15 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

HIGH EXPECTATIONS - SEPTEMBER 2021

I would like to take the opportunity, at the end of what has been another challenging year, to thank you for your continued support. By ensuring home and school work collaboratively, all students have the opportunity and environment to succeed.

As you are aware, The Featherstone Academy has extremely high expectations with regards to the manner in which our students conduct themselves, both inside the academy and within the local community. This relates to their behaviour, conduct and appearance. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we made some minor concessions with regards to certain uniform expectations and some existing school rules and sanctions. In September 2021 we are returning to our very highest standards and I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of this in preparation of the next academic year, and to ensure that any uniform you purchase over the summer holiday is appropriate.

Uniform

Footwear:

- You are only allowed to wear plain black shoes to school, unless you have provided a note from a doctor (not a parent or carer), to the pastoral team explaining why you can't. The note must include an indication of an end-date for that issue.
- Trainers and pumps are not allowed, even if they are black.
- You are **not** allowed to wear boots at all, even if they are black.

Skirts:

- School skirts must be charcoal grey in colour* and must come to the top of the knee when they are in their natural/relaxed state. Please see illustrations below for clarity:



The bottom hem of the school uniform skirt must reach at least the top of the knee.

“HOW CAN I TELL IF MY SKIRT IS THE RIGHT LENGTH FOR SCHOOL?”

When you are stood upright, with the waist of your skirt in the correct position, none of your thigh (leg above the knee) should be visible.

If you have to keep pulling your skirt down in order for it to reach your knee, it is too short. You will be removed to isolation.

Trousers:

- School trousers must be charcoal grey in colour* and must not be made from a stretchy fabric. They must not be close-fitting. Please see illustrations below for clarity:



* School trousers and skirts must be grey in colour. The planner states 'charcoal grey', which is a dark grey. We understand it is not always easy to get exactly the right shade, but be clear, grey is NOT black. See the swatches below as a guide:



Retailers can cause confusion and don't always help. Be aware that some items that they advertise as 'school uniform' are not appropriate for our uniform policy. Try to avoid items with a high lycra content as this is what causes the 'stretch'.

Jewellery:

- Students are not permitted to wear any bracelets (on wrists or ankles), necklaces or other jewellery.
- **Piercings of any kind are already banned completely in school.** You are not allowed to wear studs or retainers, or to cover a piercing with a plaster. It must be taken out.
- Students who arrive in September with a fresh/recent piercing will be expected to remove it or be placed in isolation.

Hair and Nails:

- **Only natural hair colours are allowed in school.** The colour of your hair includes highlights that may not be natural colours.
- False nails present a potential Health and Safety risk, particularly in practical subjects, or when moving around the school building. False nails are not permitted in Key Stage 3. False nails, if worn in Key Stage 4, must not extend beyond the tip of your finger.

Punctuality:

- Students are expected to be in registration at the following times:
 - Years 10 & 11 – 8:15am
 - Years 7, 8 & 9 – 8:25am
- Students who arrive late to school will be issued with an after school detention.

There are no 'new' expectations or rules introduced in the next academic year. I do need to make it very clear that these expectations must be adhered to in the next academic year, as the stated sanctions in the existing PD behaviour policy will be applied without fail.

If you have any questions or queries with regards to the points raised in this letter, please feel free to contact school via admin@featherstone.academy and we endeavour to resolve any issues.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W Bush', written in a cursive style.

Mr W Bush
Principal