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Dear Parent/Carer

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## **UNIFORM**

As we come to the end of the school year, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support you have given to Helsby High School. There are many outstanding aspects to Helsby High School, and we are proud of the excellent standards of behaviour, academic achievement and appearance of the vast majority of our students.

In relation to the school uniform, we believe that if students have a pride in their appearance they will have a pride in their performance in every area of school life. It also teaches students to comply with a dress code which maybe an important workplace skill in later life. Perhaps most importantly, our uniform reflects our corporate identity as a community and encourages students to take pride in themselves and their school.

Therefore, we would like to clarify our uniform code (which is available in the planner and on the school website) so we can further improve upon the high standards that we have set in the last academic year. This letter is timed so that money is not wasted on purchasing inappropriate uniform over the Summer Holidays.

The expectations of our uniform code include:

- Girls skirts should be of knee length and not rolled up at the waist
- Girls shoes should be black or dark brown and boys shoes should be black
- Trainers, fashion shoes, pumps or boots are not acceptable
- Girls may wear one stud in each lower earlobe if they have pierced ears, no other piercings are permitted.
- The school tries to discourage piercings but should you give your son/daughter permission to get piercings, they must do so at the start of the summer break in order for the piercing to heal over the six week period. On return to school in September all students will be required to remove piercings
- Extreme hairstyles and colour, hair extensions and elaborate hair decorations are not acceptable
- No nail varnish or false nails to be worn and no discernible make up

The majority of students follow our expectations on uniform but any students who decide not to follow the Helsby High School uniform code will be subject to the consequences.

These expectations reflect what consultation shows us is desired by the vast majority of parents/carers. We would like to thank you for your continued support in helping to maintain high standards at Helsby High School. We look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in full correct uniform.

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