



# Knox Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Focus on Uniform after half term

I hope that you and your young person had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break. We often use the start of a new term to reinforce some of our school expectations. I am writing to seek your support in helping to reinforce our [school uniform policy](#) now that Covid mitigations are reducing and we are starting to return to a more 'normal' approach to life in general.

Over the past few months, we have noticed a decline in the standard of uniform worn by some of our pupils. This has included non-black trousers, ripped trousers, crew neck jumpers, leggings/sports leggings, jogging bottoms, hooded tops (banned two years ago for safety reasons) and tops which are short/cropped. None of these items are part of our school uniform and they are not appropriate attire for school. I would like to stress that the vast majority of young people are dressed appropriately, but the number of young people who are not following uniform expectations has increased. In the coming weeks and months, we plan to increase our approaches to uniform checks and upholding the expectation of young people wearing a uniform. We need to know, at a glance, that the young people in the school building are pupils at this school and the school uniform is always a quick way of ensuring this. A school uniform is something that should be functional and not necessarily fashionable. It also supports our approaches to equity. We have a supply of spare uniform in school and this will be made available to any young people who need it.

We would also like to remind all our young people that they must come to school in full uniform each morning. This is still the case if they have PE period 1, as time to change is built into the lesson.

Details of our uniform policy can be found [here](#). All pupils in S1 at Knox Academy received a gift of a tie when they started with us in August. For those who have lost ties, or they need to replace them, these can be ordered on-line through [SchoolPay](#) and then collected from the School Office by the young person. Information about financial support/clothing grants can also be found in the school uniform link.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Pupil Support Team by emailing your young person's House Team [garleton@knox.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:garleton@knox.elcschool.org.uk), [lammerlaw@knox.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:lammerlaw@knox.elcschool.org.uk), [traprain@knox.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:traprain@knox.elcschool.org.uk) if you would like to discuss any supports we can offer. We are immensely proud of our young people and wearing uniform helps consolidate a sense of school identity and community. We are most grateful for your support with this matter.

Kind regards

Sue Cook  
Head Teacher

