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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to keep you informed of recent developments and acknowledgements of our protocols and site-based provision, as we continue to move through the current educational climate.

Ventilation in the Academy building:

The government has recently commented further on the importance of ensuring good ventilation in workplaces and schools as part of Covid-19 risk mitigations. Therefore, we thought it might be helpful to recommunicate what we are doing in the Academy.

In all rooms and spaces that have natural ventilation because the windows can be opened, we are keeping the required air flow from vents to be set to open all day, as well as fully opening the windows three times throughout the school day – in the morning, at lunchtime and towards the end of the day.

In all rooms and spaces without windows and which are mechanically ventilated, our air handling systems have been set to provide a full fresh air supply. We have switched off the option to ‘re-circulate’ air within the building.

As you may appreciate, there is a balance to be made between a number of air changes in each space and trying to maintain an ambient temperature. Overall, it is true to say we are prioritising fresh air over comfort, but we’d like to reassure you it is acceptable for students to wear an additional garment or coat if rooms are sometimes below the usual temperature.

Please find below a list of acceptable clothing to support with this balance:

<p><u>TEMPORARY UNIFORM ALTERATIONS DURING WINTER MONTHS</u></p> <p>And in support of Covid-19 ventilation requirements</p> <p>Terms 2 & 3, 2020-21</p>	
Acceptable additional clothing during winter ventilation	Unacceptable clothing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Additional undergarments that allow sufficient movement for day-to-day learning ✓ Plain and non-offensive logoed jumper or hooded garment underneath blazers ✓ Outdoor coats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Trainers ✗ Jeans or jogging bottoms ✗ Lycra or elastic based trousers / leggings ✗ Changes in length of skirts
<p style="color: #00a651;">Please note, that clothing does need to be appropriate and non-offensive – <u>plain black wherever possible.</u></p> <p style="color: #00a651;">It also needs to allow participation in learning (i.e. writing and comfortable movement)/</p>	<p style="color: #c00000;">Please note, we will continue with our expectations and sanctions for discrepancies in these areas.</p> <p style="color: #c00000;">Thank you in advance for your support.</p>



Use of classrooms with stools:

We are also very conscious of the Academy's need to operate within faculty Pods and the seating arrangements within some faculties.

Where there are classrooms that have predominantly stooled seating, we are ensuring that students have opportunities for additional posture and occupational health-based guidance (please [click here](#) for classroom poster).

Students will be given regular opportunities to participate in these routines during lessons.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underwood'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr S. Underwood
Associate Principal