



# Great Marlow School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, it is helpful to reinforce the importance of our school uniform. We are extremely proud of our school and our students. To build on this success, it is our wish that the high standards in wearing the correct school uniform continue into next year because this gives every child a sense of identity with the community of GMS.

When purchasing new school shoes, please would you be mindful of the school uniform document attached to this letter; we wish to avoid unnecessary confrontations with students over incorrect uniform or footwear. School shoes are particularly expensive, but we have had issues in the past with parents and carers spending a great deal of money on footwear that does not take note of the Uniform Policy. We very much wish to avoid this as it places the school at odds with the student and none of us seek an unproductive, negative atmosphere.

On a different topic, if you do decide to allow your child to have piercings, please ensure that they are removed for school on the first day back in September because the non-piercing rule will be strictly enforced by all staff. Students not correctly attired for lessons or with additional piercings may be withdrawn from general circulation until the issue has been fully resolved. Again, I stress that staff would rather not have the situation that can lead to disagreement about an issue.

We are already looking forward to the next academic year. Our high standards in dress, attendance, behaviour and being properly equipped is a hallmark of success and in GMS we are rightly proud of this. The ongoing success of our school depends on all participants believing in the merits of school uniform, attending school, behaving properly, and being prepared for lessons: experience shows this offers the best chance of success.

Thank you all very much in advance for your anticipated support and understanding. Wishing you a happy and safe summer.

Yours faithfully

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