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Dear families

We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break and a happy New Year. As we welcome your child back to the Academy on Tuesday 9 January, I want us to work together to ensure that all students are equipped, in the correct uniform and ready to learn from minute one. At Dixons Fazakerley Academy we want our students to be successful and climb the mountain to university or a real alternative. Perfect uniform is one of our six learning habits. We believe uniform is very important because it prepares students for the world of work, gives us pride in our academy and promotes equality. By helping your child to achieve our learning habit of perfect uniform every day you will be supporting your child and the academy in achieving our shared mission.

You will be aware that as an academy we have given extensive support to students to ensure they always have the correct uniform in school. Our expectations remain the same and we expect students to return in 100% correct uniform, with their Dixons Fazakerley Academy school bag and without any jewellery, false nails or false eyelashes. I am sending this letter now so you have time to make preparations for getting nails and lashes removed if they have been applied for the Christmas period and thank you in supporting us with this. We will no longer be loaning items of uniform to students who arrive without the correct uniform as after two and a half years of doing so we have invested over £100,000 in supporting families; however, that money is now being used to fund the same uniform for the same minority of students day after day and that is simply not fair to the wider whole school community who could benefit from that resource being deployed into additional staff for example.

If your child cannot rectify their uniform on arrival to the Academy they will be placed in isolation (Mountain Support) for the day. If this is the case, you will be notified by phone call. Once you are able to support your child to correct their uniform during the school day they will return to their normal timetable. The way students wear their uniform is just as important as what they wear. Equipment and personal items should be carried in the student's school bag, not in the pockets of the blazer as this damages the blazer over time and looks untidy. Skirts should be worn at the manufactured length, not rolled up.

All students need to be fully equipped for the school day and we will continue to support this by replacing individual items of equipment at the start of the school day before 8.29am each morning, however we will no longer replace full pencil cases free of charge due to the significant cost of doing this. Instead, parents will have to purchase a full pencil case through Parent Pay if their child loses their pencil case. Please encourage your child to value the equipment provided and take personal responsibility to ensure they are organised and prepared for the school day.

Thank you for supporting your child to be successful and I look forward to a positive start to term.

Yours faithfully



Mrs S Kokosalakis
Vice Principal

