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Dear family

At the beginning of the new half term, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit the uniform expectations in Connect and at Dixons Unity Academy.

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

In the last few weeks, it would be fair to say that whilst most of our students come in perfect uniform, we have had several interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform and we believe it is time to clarify our expectations for students and families.

The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference, but please see the additional guidance below:

Perfect uniform at Dixons Unity Academy means:

- Black trousers (not jeans, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - unless your child has a reasonable adjustment from the SEND team)
- White buttoned shirt
- Grey, navy or black blazer and / or jumper
- Black polishable shoes or boots (not trainers or pumps)
- No jewellery except a plain watch (Smart watches are not allowed) A Sikh Kara may also be worn
- No unnatural hair colours
- No false nails
- No false eyelashes
- Students can opt to wear plain black salwar kameez or tunic with a white blouse / shirt with the academy blazer over the top.
- Hijabs, scarves, turbans, crowns and tops knots, worn for religious reasons must be plain black and well secured.

Should a Connect a student arrive at school with incorrect uniform they will (wherever possible) be loaned uniform from the school store.

In the past, a minority of students have refused to comply with staff requests to either put on school uniform or remove items of jewellery etc. Should this be the case the following procedure will be followed:

- A Connect member of staff will contact families to help support the student.
- Should this prove unsuccessful the student will be sent home to change their uniform and be expected to return to school in correct uniform immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

R Thomson

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**Reintegration Manager**

