



15th February 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

I write to you in support of raising standards at Emmbrook in relation to school uniform and promoting healthy living.

At present the vast majority of Emmbrook pupils conduct themselves in an exemplary manner, and are fantastic ambassadors for the school and local community. We are however seeing a small, but growing group of pupils struggling to comply with these standards. At the beginning of next half-term, there will be a drive to raise standards in areas such uniform, and increased measures will be taken to ensure this happens. I ask for your support in this matter.

All pupils viewed a presentation yesterday during tutor time reminding them of the key expectations of all pupils, and the main points conveyed were:

1) Footwear

Some pupils are trying to wear trainers during school hours rather than school shoes. Under school policy, any pupil who wears inappropriate footwear (e.g. trainers, or other footwear with clear logos / branding, coloured heels or laces) will be asked to wear plimsolls (provided by the school), and the inappropriate footwear will be confiscated and returned to the pupil at the end of the day.

2) Blazers

All pupils are expected to have blazers with them throughout the day, with the expectation they are worn in lessons, unless they have permission to remove their blazer. A school jumper does not replace a blazer as a school jumper is an optional item of uniform. A school jumper must be an embossed Emmbrook School jumper only.

3) Hoodies

Hoodies are not allowed in school, and the school reserves the right to confiscate them and return at the end of the day.

4) Energy Drinks

Some pupils in Years 7-11 are bringing energy drinks into school. Energy drinks are not permitted for pupils in years 7-11; if an energy drink is seen, the school reserves the right to confiscate the energy drink, and it will not be returned to the pupil.

Added to these items was the news of the re-introduction of the break 1 detention system (which ran last academic year) for incorrect or missing uniform, and for pupils not being 'ready to learn'. A break 1 detention for a pupil may be issued for the following:

- a) Not bringing their blazer into school
- b) Not bringing their planner into school
- c) Not being correctly equipped for learning – i.e. not having key basic items such as a pen, pencil and ruler



These detentions will be served with a member of the Year group team within 24 hours of the detention being issued.

Please could you discuss these points with your child, and if any amendments need to be made, please could they be made over the half-term.

I would like to say thank you again to the vast majority of pupils who are exemplary in their conduct, and long may it continue. With your continued support, we can raise standards even higher.

Yours sincerely

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