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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are an ambitious school striving for '**Excellence for All**' and we have high expectations of students at our school. As you know, we believe in the education of the whole child and this is summarised in our belief that our students should:

- **Aspire** to achieve by aiming for excellence in every way
- **Respect** all others and their environment by demonstrating exceptional behaviour at all times
- **Engage** with their learning effectively by consistently demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning.

When we return after the half-term holiday our focus will be *#weAREgrowing*. We will challenge our students to show that they ARE growing in three specific areas by showing that they are:

- Aspirational by being **presentable**
- Respectful by **following routines**
- Engaged by being **punctual**.

We would ask that you take some time to speak to your child about these three aims before they return to school, as we all know that by working together we will have better results. In particular we would ask that you remind your child that hooded tops or 'hoodies' have never been part of the school uniform and should not be worn to school. We have applied leniency in this area as a result of the need for ventilation and the impact this has on the working temperature around the school. However, we now believe that as a result of the natural increase of temperature and in order to move towards more normal ways of operating, we need to reassert our expectations of presentation.

The school uniform procedures are clear: Students must wear a shirt and tie and they can wear a school jumper (with logo) and a coat. On days when a student has PE, they must wear their PE Kit to school; students are allowed to wear a plain navy or black sweatshirt over their PE kit and their coat. Hooded tops are not allowed to be worn for PE as they are a safety risk.

After the holiday we will challenge all students that are in hooded tops and we will contact home if this is the case to establish the appropriate next steps, which could include asking students to remove the non-school uniform item, providing appropriate replacement school uniform, confiscation of items or the issuing of consequences.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr Lambert', written over a horizontal line.

Mr Lambert
Vice Principal