



**31 March 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Restless Excellence – Standards and Expectations**

I am delighted to be writing to you all to share how impressed I have been with the students' return to school. The focus over the past few weeks has been to ensure that all students were given the opportunity to re-engage with their peers and teachers, whilst at the same time, ensuring they quickly re-established themselves back into the structures, routines and rules of Plymstock School.

Plymstock School prides itself in ensuring that there is a climate of high expectations for all. At every opportunity, staff will specifically teach the standards and expectations that we wish all students to follow, so that children are safe and there is no further disruption to any child's learning. However, we cannot do this alone, and I thank you for your support so far in helping the school ensure that your child is ready and prepared for school by reinforcing the key messages.

We continue to strive and challenge ourselves as a school community to be the very best we can be and as we head into the Easter holidays, I would like to share some information regarding re-establishing our expectations regarding school uniform when students return on **Monday 19 April 2021**.

### **Uniform – Summer Term 2021**

Our policy regarding school uniform remains in operation. Please visit the following link for full details about Plymstock School uniform and PE Kit standards and expectations:

<https://plymstockschool.org.uk/uniform/>

We have very high standards of all pupils with regards to them consistently meeting these. Our uniform expectations play a valuable role in contributing to the culture and ethos of Plymstock School and sets the tone for our school and wider community.

**With the improving weather and rising temperatures during the summer term, the relaxations that were made to our uniform policy as a result of the need to ventilate classrooms during the winter months will no longer be necessary. These changes will cease to apply. This means that, as of Monday 19 April 2021:**

- Pupils will be expected to wear their school jacket/blazer at all times whilst on site.
- Pupils will NOT be able to wear hoodies or other non-school uniform related items.
- In lessons, pupils will no longer be required to wear coats or hoodies, however, pupils may wish to wear coats to and from school in case of inclement weather (coats MUST be plain black or blue). They may choose to wear the school jumper (with school badge) as an optional addition but this cannot be worn in place of the blazer, only in addition.

Plymstock School uniform is available to purchase online from The Schoolwear Shop and Trutex Schoolwear (see links below). They have a wide range of uniform currently in stock which is available for postal orders and click and collect.

<https://plymouthschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/school/school-plymstock-secondary-school/>

<https://plymouthonlinestore.trutex.com/store/department/39/Plymstock-School/>

We are mindful and considerate that individual circumstances may have changed or been impacted by the latest lockdown. If there are any concerns about financial hardship, please contact your child's respective Head of Year for further support.

## Physical Education

Students are still not being permitted to use the changing rooms. All students will be required to wear their PE kit to school on days that they have PE. This **MUST** not be worn on any other day where a pupil does **NOT** have PE lessons timetabled.

Students who do not have a Plymstock School branded top, bottoms or hoody may wear a plain navy or black jumper and plain navy or black tracksuit bottoms to school in order to keep warm. Only small, unobtrusive logos are permitted.

Non-branded items must not be worn for the duration of the PE lesson. In order to comply with safeguarding guidance— **if a student does not have a branded top or hoody, they must also wear their school blazer on top of their kit so that they are clearly identifiable as a Plymstock School student at all times outside of their PE lesson.**

I would like to again thank you for your ongoing support and I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday. In the meantime, if you have any further questions or require any clarification or additional information, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr A Yendell**

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