



STANGROUND ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

At Stanground Academy, we are always striving to maintain high standards, and this includes ensuring that students meet our expectations for an appropriate and professional dress code.

I am writing to inform you of an update to our approach regarding school uniform, specifically the length of school skirts. Our uniform policy clearly outlines that school skirts should be worn to the knee. Where students have grown and skirts no longer meet this expectation, they will need to be replaced. In addition, we are aware that some students deliberately roll their skirts up to make them shorter, which is also not in line with Academy expectations.

Despite regular reminders and ongoing conversations with students, skirt length continues to take up a disproportionate amount of staff time and detracts from more important issues, specifically learning, wellbeing, and pastoral support. As shared with students during our recent Reboot Assemblies, on our return after the February half-term break, we will be implementing a graduated response to support consistent compliance with Academy standards.

This will operate on a 'three strikes' system:

- First strike: Uniform correction, with the student remaining in school until 3:45pm
- Second strike: Uniform correction, with the student remaining in school until 4:30pm
- Third strike: Uniform correction, with the student remaining in school until 6:00pm

Following the third strike, the option to wear a school skirt will be removed for the remainder of the half term, and the student will be required to wear tailored school trousers instead. This will be communicated via ClassCharts. If this occurs again in a subsequent half term, as above, the option to wear a school skirt will be removed, but this time for the remainder of the academic year. This will be communicated via ClassCharts and in person.

To ensure transparency and consistency, the Behaviour Policy will be updated to formally include this graduated response system.

We recognise that students value opportunities to express themselves. It is worth noting that we offer more non-uniform days across an academic year than any other school in the city, and students are encouraged to use these occasions to express their individuality, while still dressing in a way that is appropriate for a school setting.

We ask for your support in ensuring that students attend school each day dressed in line with Academy uniform expectations. Our intention is not to be sanction-focused, but to uphold high standards, ensure fairness, and allow staff and students to concentrate on what matters most.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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