



The
Portsmouth Academy

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Dear Parents,

Please be aware that we will be having a school wide focus on uniform standards over the coming weeks. A high standard of uniform is incredibly important to the school culture and ethos. We want to ensure that our children show the highest amount of respect for both the school and for themselves and this often starts with how they present themselves on a day to day basis.

Overall the students have been fantastic and made a great start this half term. We have however noticed some cases where standards have dropped. We have seen an increase in facial piercings, hair which has been dyed outside of natural colours e.g. blue and also trainers and Lycra skirts. None of these are permitted within the school uniform policy and as such we would ask that this is rectified for Monday.

There are a number of students who have also stated that they have a school tie on order. We have checked with both Mrs Meale and our uniform suppliers and have a list of those who have indeed ordered and are awaiting delivery. These children will be permitted a uniform pass for not having a tie.

We will manage students' uniform infringements on a case by case basis. They may not however, be able to be within the school community if their uniform is deemed at such a level that it undermines the positive culture of the school. We therefore ask you to ensure your child/children arrive at school on Monday with the appropriate uniform, or **with a note from yourself to explain the issue and when it will be rectified by.**

If you require financial support for uniform, we do have a hardship fund which you can apply to. Please contact Mrs K Meale in the first instance; k.meale@tsatrust.org.uk

We look forward to working together to ensure TPA maintains high standards both around the Academy and within the wider community.

Mr Hatherley

Vice Principal