

15th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing in relation to school uniform and equipment in September. In line with government guidance we are pleased to announce that students are to attend school in full uniform when we re-open. Uniform is vital in giving both the students and the school its identity and is fundamental to the school ethos. Uniform is about encouraging a sense of professionalism, high expectations as well as ensuring equity between all children. I am asking for your support with ensuring that pupils are fully equipped when coming back into school and able to meet our uniform policy. I would like to remind you of some key principles within our policy to ensure that all pupils are following the same requirements.

- Black skirt, not stretch material and no more than 2 inches shorter than the knee
- Black shoes that are weatherproof and sturdy enough to provide adequate protection in winter. No pumps (can be worn for drama only) or trainers/trainer style
- Piercings should only comprise of two studs, one in each ear, anything comprises health and safety for your child in school
- No hoodies, non-school jumpers (black V-neck) please
- We advise you to purchase a winter coat as pupils will be outside for all break and lunchtimes unless it is raining etc.
- Natural hair colours and no false nails or varnish
- Natural make up only, no false eyelashes
- No extreme haircuts no less than a number 2

For a full uniform list please see the attachments sent with this letter and school suppliers are now open and taking orders (see attachment)

A quick reminder that headphones/mobile phones should not be used or on at any time. Due to the fact we are opening in the COVID 19 pandemic for the safety and staff and students we will not be sharing equipment. This means it is vital students come to school with everything they need. I would suggest bags are packed and checked the night before.

School Equipment:

- Sensible size backpack
- Stationary: pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, sharpener, a scientific calculator (you can buy whichever one you want, however we would recommend either of these: Casio fx-83GTX Scientific Calculator or Casio Scientific Calculator fx-85GTXSUT, basic geometry set, ridged ruler, protractor and a pair of compasses
- Optional: Highlighters, mini dictionary, glue stick

It is the policy of Brine Leas to support families when financial hardship so if you need to apply for assistance for uniform or equipment then, please contact [the Pastoral team \(pastoral@brineleas.co.uk\)](mailto:pastoral@brineleas.co.uk) and the matter will be dealt with confidentially.

We are not advising or suggesting that any student should wear face coverings as it is not in the current government guidance to do so. However, if a student chooses to wear a face covering to school and wishes to remove it at any point, they will need to dispose of it in one our lidded bins, which will be located at the site entrance, or store it in a sealable bag (such as a zip-lock bag), , if it's a washable face covering . Masks worn to school must be plain without any logos etc. If a student

misuses a face covering in any way including not disposing of it correctly, this will compromise their safety and the safety of others and will be taken very seriously by the school.

Any questions or concerns please get in touch.

Kindest regards,

Victoria Skelding

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