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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to wish you a Happy New Year and to provide a brief update on our uniform policy.

As you know, we pride ourselves on our very high standards of behaviour and attendance and set high expectations for all members of our school community through a very strict uniform policy. Our standards have been reinforced this morning via a number of 'Welcome back' assemblies and students are very clear as to what is and what is not acceptable.

The significant majority of our young people have returned after the festive break looking immaculate and wear their uniform with a real sense of pride. However, a very small number of students have forgotten that items such as jewellery, acrylic nails and extreme haircuts/styles are not accepted as part of our Academy uniform.

This is unfortunate and we have managed a number of challenging situations this morning where students have returned with extensive acrylic nails and additional items of jewellery. Our policy on these items is very clear and therefore I would really appreciate your support in sharing this message at home, if you feel that the content of this letter warrants a conversation with your child.

As per our Academy policy, any student that arrives to school with acrylic nails will be isolated in school and kept for a 1 hour detention that same afternoon should they choose to continue to breach Academy uniform rules.

During this period of isolation students will complete school work away from their peers and spend break and lunch times with a member of staff. Moreover, items of jewellery, beyond a single set of stud earrings and a watch, will be confiscated and placed in our school safe. Mobile phones will be dealt with in the same way and any items confiscated will be stored securely until parents are able to collect them.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and send our best wishes for 2018 to you and your family.

Yours sincerely

Chris Fisher
School Leader