

Dear Parents and Students,

## West Park Preparatory School uniform

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also ensures students are not put under any pressure because of the type of clothes they wear, and all are treated equally. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

It would be fair to say that, in the last few years, our uniform at West Park has become less uniform. We have several interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform and we believe it is time to clarify our expectations for students and parents. We have worked with a small group of the parents of boys and girls at West Park Prep to provide greater clarity over what uniform is, and is not, acceptable.

We will be enforcing this new guidance very strictly when we return in August. On the first day back (Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>) we will check the uniform of all students on the bus. Any students not in the correct uniform will get an in-school suspension. This will continue each day of that first week, for those who turn up in incorrect uniform. We will contact you on each day when uniform is not correct. If students arrive in an incorrect piece of uniform the following Monday (28<sup>th</sup> August), we will contact you and send them home to get the correct uniform, as we know you will have ensured they have it following this guidance. Also, from September, hooded tops and non-school uniform outer wear will be confiscated every time they are seen, and you will be asked to come in and collect them from main reception.

We are sending this letter out now as we wanted to give parents this summer notice of the changes. If you have any questions about the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying.

We look forward to your support in ensuring all students are treated equally and trust the guidance attached makes things much clearer for everyone.

Yours sincerely

G. Rembert Principal Ms. Barnes Elementary/Middle Admin Ms. J. McCoy Middle & High Admin

## **Daily Uniform Schedule for Students**

Monday: Dress Up: White Button-down shirt, Burgundy Vest with school logo, Plaid burgundy Tie & Black Long Pants bottom (All Boys)

(Elem Girls) White button-down shirt, Plaid burgundy Dress, plaid burgundy tie

(Middle and High Girls) White button-down shirt, plaid burgundy tie, Burgundy Vest with school logo, plaid Burgundy Skirts

Tuesday-Thursday: White Button-Down shirt with Logo (short Sleeve) & Black Uniform Bottoms (Boys)

White Button-Down Oxford with Logo (short Sleeve) & plaid Burgundy Skirts (Girls)

Friday: West Park Dry-fit Shirt and Pe Shorts

Outwear: Must have west park logo: Sweater, Jacket or Pullover (No Hoodie)

SHOES: NO flip flops, slides, sandals, strapless shoes or croc-like shoes

HATS: NO headgear of any kind, male or female: to include caps, beanies, Scully type or scarves

Denim is not permitted.

Please note: For your convenience, the school will be selling school t-shirts (\$20) at our Open House and throughout the school. Additional information will be posted on our school's webpage. On special occasions, such as 'School Spirit Day' students may be permitted to wear a school t-shirt. However, this permission is given only by the principal. In addition, all parents are asked to assist us by making sure that your child is in compliance with our school uniform policy throughout the school year.