



CANSFIELD

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21st March 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Over the next nine months we are introducing two minor changes to our School Policy to both clarify and further enhance the highest standards at our school.

School Shoes

Recent fashion trends have led to a proliferation of casual black schools with leather uppers that appear at first glance to be acceptable as school footwear. We recognise that some parents have purchased shoes of this type in good faith and at some expense. To avoid this occurring in the future we offer the following guidelines as to what will be permitted from September 2019. All shoes:

- * Should be flat, plain black leather shoes that can be polished and enclose the toe and heel.
- * We will not accept canvas shoes (such as Vans).
- * We will not accept shoes with any motifs, even if they are black (such as a Nike tick).
- * We will not accept boots (such as Timberland etc).

If you are unsure about whether a pair of shoes will be acceptable, please contact the school to avoid any unnecessary expense.

School Skirts

Over the last six months we have fielded a number of concerns and complaints about the length of our students' skirts from parents, students and members of the public. This has been a recurring issue during the time I have been at the school, not only in terms of how our students wear their uniform and accord with our high standards, but also from the perspective of a safeguarding issue. The crux of the problem is that it has become commonplace for our students to roll up the skirt to such an extent that they are simply not appropriate.

We will be introducing one type of school skirt for all students who chose to wear skirts which can only be purchased from our two suppliers: Sportsline and Slaters. The design we have chosen, with input from students and parents, has full pleats and will have a Cansfield Lion emblem embroidered at the top of one pleat, which needs to sit just below the waistline and should be visible when a blazer is not worn. Skirts should be of a reasonable length and sit just above the knee. A photo of the chosen skirt is below:

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Dependent on the material you chose, the skirts start at £16.

To give time for you to budget for this change, it will not come into effect until September 2019 (for incoming Year 7s) and from January 2020 (for all other students). However, from this date skirts from other suppliers will not be accepted. If you are purchasing a new skirt from now on, they should only be the authorised standard as noted above.

Both Slaters and Sportsline have agreed that if you currently have a skirt of the style noted above, they will add the Cansfield Lion emblem for £1.

Purchasing School Uniform

We recognise that the outlay required for uniform can be significant, particularly for those of you who have multiple students attending. With this in mind we have ensured that both Slaters and Sportsline have savings schemes to help budget accordingly. In the event that the purchase of the school uniform still places an unmanageable financial burden on the family please do get in touch and we can explore avenues to support.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

J. Jones.

Mrs J Jones,
Deputy Headteacher.