



Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Sixth Form Uniform – Outdoor Coats or Jackets in the School Building

Our Sixth Form students have made a positive start to this half term and on the whole, routinely, they show great pride in their year group and in their School.

Here at The Heathland School, we feel that it is important to have the highest expectations of ourselves and each other. We are committed to excellence. Hence it is important to communicate the rationale behind decisions that we are taking and expectations that we have in place.

This is especially true in the Sixth Form, in which one of our driving ambitions is to prepare students for their lives in the wider world. It is important that students understand that decisions are taken for a reason and with clear intention behind them. We wish to see all of our students succeed and flourish in the School both academically and socially.

We expect all students at The Heathland School to remove any outdoor coats, jackets, hats or gloves before entering the school building. At the moment, this rule is not being followed by all students within the Sixth Form.

The reasoning behind insisting students to remove their outdoor garments is as follows:

- ✓ For the purposes of Safeguarding, all students are required to wear a coloured lanyard around their necks. These lanyards enable staff to quickly identify that young people on site are students at the school and the year group to which they belong. Outdoor coats or jackets make it very difficult for staff to consistently do this, thus making our duty to safeguard students more difficult.
- ✓ Outdoor coats or jackets are not a part of The Heathland School uniform, but rather are a practical necessity during the colder months. By removing coats before entering the school buildings students look immediately smarter, creating a positive impression for those in younger year groups and ensuring that students are ready to learn from the moment that they arrive at their lessons. Our Sixth Form students are an incredible asset to the School, in significant part because of their ability to act as role models to the wider school. It is vital that they embody this role as soon as they are in school buildings.



We hope that we can rely on your support in communicating this message to your child and that this has provided some clarity in this matter. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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