



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, we temporarily amended our uniform policy earlier this year to allow pupils to wear hoodies over their school jumpers. The weather is now warm enough that it is no longer necessary for pupils to need this extra layer of clothing, even with our continued policy of maximising ventilation. We are therefore going to return to our expectation that pupils adhere to our usual uniform rules **from Tuesday 4th May**. Pupils can of course continue to wear a hoodie or coat as they arrive at school in the morning, but from now on these should not be worn in lessons or around school during the school day. This includes the BHGS PE hoodie which should now only be worn for PE lessons.

As we reach each stage of the government 'roadmap' out of lockdown we are expecting to receive further guidance from the Department for Education regarding the implications for schools, for example in areas such as face masks and social distancing. As soon as I have this information I will of course communicate it with you. In the meantime, we are keeping our protective measures in place and our pupils continue to show tremendous responsibility around this. Unfortunately we are still waiting for our long-overdue delivery of home test kits but have been told that they will arrive this week. We are suggesting that once pupils have received their next set of test kits the whole school moves to a self-testing schedule of Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Feedback from pupils and staff has been that they will find it easier to remember if everyone tests on the same day. Please make sure that you report the results of tests to the NHS and to the school using the links on our website.

Once again, I would like to thank parents and carers for the various messages of support and encouragement you have sent to me and my staff over recent weeks. I know from contact with colleagues in other schools, both locally and nationally, that for some pupils the return to school following the recent national lockdown has been particularly challenging. Overcoming these challenges requires a partnership between school and home and I know how much my staff appreciate being able to work together with you to support your child(ren).

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Wood
Headteacher

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