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Dear Parent/Carer

As the Autumnal weather approaches I wanted to take an opportunity to clarify the school's expectations regarding outdoor coats and hoodies.

The school's new uniform was introduced at the start of this academic year after consultation with students, parents and staff, and was approved by the school's Governing body. We have the highest expectations from our students with regards to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of the school. As part of our transition to the new more formal uniform we clarified that no hoodies should be worn to school. This means hoodies or similar sports tops should not be worn as an outdoor coat or under blazers.

In cold or wet weather our expectation is that students wear a suitable outdoor coat over the top of their blazers. A coat that is water repellent would be ideal. A coat with a hood is of course permitted but again this should not be worn under a blazer.

I have included some pictures to help clarify what is acceptable and what should be avoided. **Please note** these are examples only and in no way form a definitive list.



As stated these images are for guidance only and have been provided to reduce the risk of confusion for students and parents and reduce embarrassment for students if they have to be challenged about their adherence to the uniform policy. We will not accept a student stating that their hoodie is their outdoor coat.

Like the Garibaldi School jumper, a Garibaldi School branded rain jacket is an optional extra that is available to purchase for the colder months of the year. Details of the coat can be found in the uniform section of the school website and is pictured above. Prices range from £15.95 to £18.95 depending on size. As stated this rain jacket is an optional extra item of uniform, it is not compulsory but provides an ideal solution.

Whilst we recognise the challenges some parents and carers face when purchasing school clothes their child is happy to wear, we do appreciate the support that has been shown for the new uniform and I thank you in advance for ensuring outdoor coats meet with our expectations.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Garforth.

Yours sincerely

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