Dear Parents/Carers

Gateacre School Uniform

At Gateacre School we place an emphasis of pride in our community. A visible indication of this is in the standard of students' uniform. I am writing to thank you for your help and ask for your support in our continued drive for consistency as we approach the new Academic Year 2016/2017 in September.

Please read below to clarify what the uniform should be, in accordance with our Behaviour Policy, to ensure that your son/daughter is fully prepared and arrives in correct uniform after the Summer Holiday. This information is also set out in our School Uniform booklet, the Parent Handbook and available on the website.

Item	Uniform Expectation	Example of what is not allowed
Trouser	Boys and Girls – black school trousers	This DOES NOT include any of the following: denim trousers, trousers with rivets, trousers with a low waist, trousers made of any stretchy material, trousers that are tight below the knee, skinny style trousers, trousers made of any fabric other than standard school trouser fabric, leggings / jeggings, thick tights used as trousers, trousers that are not full length and any trousers that follow a current trend.
Skirt	Smart, plain black school skirt. It must be knee length If tights are worn, they must be at least 40 denier	Skirts must not be above the knee, not be tight or clingy, must not be made out of lycra nor any fabric other than standard school skirt fabric. Pencil skirts are not permitted.

Shirts	White shirt with top button and collar. Top button must be fastened and shirt must be tucked in all the way round.	No t-shirts, football shirts under the school shirt
Tie	The House tie must be worn smartly with the top button of the shirt done up.	Ties must be fastened correctly
Make up	Only bare subtle make-up is allowed.	Heavy or obvious make- up or coloured lipstick, eyeshadow will have to be removed once seen.
		No nail varnish, false nails, false eye lashes or lipstick for any year group.
Jewellery	Other than a watch, no jewellery may be worn, apart from one small pair of plain studs.	No nose studs, rings or facial piercings. All excess jewellery must be removed. Pupils who repeatedly breach the rules will have it confiscated and parents/carers will have to pick it up.

Hairstyles Hairbands and headscarves/clips must be No patterns to be cut into hair. plain navy or black. **Examples of banned hairstyles** Shoes No trainers or sports shoes. Plain all black shoes which can be No high heels or boots. polished. No logos or colours. Boys' shoes must be **plain**, **black** shoes. No logos. No colours. **Examples of banned footwear Examples: Suitable Shoes** Girls' shoes must be plain, black flat, shoes. Examples: **Suitable Shoes**

Other items In addition, we consider our uniform to include **Totally unsuitable bags** a suitable school bag big enough to carry an A4 book/folder and PE kit, School Planner, school books and at least one pen, pencil, ruler and rubber. Coats and Sensible, waterproof coats should be removed Hoodies should not be worn under any caps as soon as students enter the building circumstances. They will be confiscated. Caps should not be worn. They will be confiscated.

We believe firmly that if our students are smartly dressed in a uniform consistent with school policy, they will be prepared for work in the classroom. Please do not purchase any item over the Summer Holiday that is not in line with uniform expectations, as outlined above. In addition, your son/daughter has had the above message in Assembly and Academic Tutor Time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to seek further clarification of our high standards of uniform at Gateacre School. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Boulton Assistant Headteacher Gateacre School uniform can be purchased from our approved suppliers:

SWI Schoolwear <u>www.swi.co.uk</u> to order online or by phone for home delivery: standard uniform and full sports/pe Kit. Tel: 0845 5190099

Trutex Schoolwear, 48-50 London Road, Liverpool for in-shop purchases: standard uniform and house ties. Tel: 0151 709 7009

Parents are advised to order before 10th August 2016 to avoid delays in delivery and availability of sizes.