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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all having a restful summer. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for all of the positive feedback that we have received in support of the changes to our uniform and mobile phone policy. These changes are an integral part of our drive to raise students' aspirations and to instil pride in every member of our school community. It is also an opportunity for me to respond to all parents about the small number of queries that we have had. Please see responses below to the most frequently asked questions:

**Q. Are 18" and 20" skirts the only length allowed?**

A. No. The lengths stated were indicative of skirt lengths that were acceptable but not exhaustive. The original flyer has now been updated with the term 'the skirt length should be appropriate for a school environment, which we deem to be where it reaches the knee' and removed the specific lengths of 18" and 20".

**Q. Is this classed as a shoe?**

A. We cannot provide an exhaustive list of shoes that are/are not permitted. As long as the shoe is formal, black, polishable leather and has no visible logo's then it meets our expectations. Parent/carers should be aware that some shoe shops/companies sell their footwear as 'shoes' when they clearly are not. In this case, parents/carers should consider whether the 'shoe' is what could be defined as 'formal' footwear. If not, it should not be purchased as a school shoe.

**Q. We have a sibling joining in Year 7 and they have the 'Hinckley 5'. Is this applicable to other year groups?**

A. Yes, it is. In the flyer that was sent out to you, the 'Hinckley 5' was all included in the uniform and equipment guidelines. This consists of a school planner (provided by the school); a fully stocked pencil case; a calculator; a reading book; and lanyard/ID card.

**Q. Is the change of policy on mobile phones directed by government?**

A. No, this has been a school decision to support students in being able to focus on learning while they are in school. With technology being such a prominent part of young people's lives, we also want students to be able to enjoy social times without the distraction of mobile phones.

For further information about our uniform policy, please visit our website – [www.hinckleyacademy.co.uk](http://www.hinckleyacademy.co.uk)

Once again, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Nathan Bennett (Director of Key Stage 4, Assistant Principal)

