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Dear Parent/Carer

We have a number of female students who are currently seriously contravening our dress code/uniform policy. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that skirts must be **mid-grey (not black)** and **approximately knee length**. **Fashion skirts, very short, long or tight skirts are not acceptable**. Some students have correct school skirts, but then choose to roll them up at the waist to make them much shorter. This is also unacceptable.

In addition, girls whose skirts are of an unacceptable length are placing themselves in a vulnerable position from a safeguarding perspective and may be promoting a negative image of themselves. Furthermore, members of staff should not be made to feel uncomfortable in challenging students whose uniform is incorrect or not been worn in an appropriate manner.

At Lightcliffe Academy we expect high standards of work and behaviour from our students, and believe that these are helped by high standards of dress and appearance. All items of school uniform are to be worn conventionally and we hope all parents/carers to reinforce and support our simple and practical requirements. We understand that sometimes parents/carers do not see their children before they leave home on a morning but must ask for your support on this matter.

Any student who is wearing an inappropriate skirt will face the school sanctions.

There are full details about our uniform and dress code policies on the Academy website.

From our first day back to school in September, any student not dressed in the correct uniform will not be able to attend lessons until they have remedied the situation, even if this means parents/carers having to take them out of school to purchase a correct item which complies with school uniform rules. I hope that this will not be necessary.

Many thanks in advance for your support on this matter.



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Principal