



June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well.

As we approach the end of the academic year and the end of my first year in post as Assistant Vice Principal, I am writing to inform you of updates at Heanor Gate Spencer Academy. Firstly, I would like to state how proud I am of how students have continued to improve throughout the year and the way in which they continue to embrace our Team Heanor Values. Secondly, I am writing to inform you in good time of amendments we will be making to our uniform policy.

At Heanor Gate Spencer Academy we pride ourselves on the high standards we uphold and this is no more relevant than the way students adhere to our uniform policy. It is for this reason that we are introducing the changes detailed below which will be enforced as of September 2023. We are informing you now, as we are aware some of you will already be thinking about uniforms for September.

Jewellery

Our policy has always stated that jewellery should be kept to a minimum with no more than one pair of stud earrings in the lobe of the ear. There are to be no visible necklaces, bracelets, rings or other piercings (including tongue piercings or those in the Helix or Tragus). The changes to our policy are around clear piercings. **Clear piercings will not be permitted.** Students who fail to adhere to the above will have the items confiscated and returned at the end of the school day. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

Skirts

As of September 2023, Year 7 students will be required to wear a knee length pleated skirt. Due to the current financial climate and in order to support households, this is something that will be phased in for Years 8-11. We do however ask that as your child grows out of their current skirt, this is replaced with a pleated skirt. Skirts are to be worn to or just above the knee. Pleated 'knee length' skirts will be required for all year groups as of September 2024. Details of where affordable pleated skirts are available are listed below:

Shop	Price	Price and link
Asda	£6	https://direct.asda.com/george/school/girls-school-skirts/senior-girls-black-waist-panel-permanent-pleats-school-skirt/CEM836169.default.pd.html?cgid=D10M2G1C10
Marks & Spencer	2 skirts for £10-16	https://www.marksandspencer.com/2-pack-girls-pleated-skirts/p/clp60100378#intid=pid_pg1pip5g4r1cl
Matalan	2 skirts for £15	https://www.matalan.co.uk/childrens-clothing/girls-2-pack-black-box-pleat-school-skirts-4-16yrs/14516004.html



Next	2 skirts for £24	https://www.next.co.uk/style/st521247/110320#110320
Morley's	£21-26	https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/product/david-luke-black-stitch-down-pleated-skirt/

Uniform Support

Given the current climate we have uniform items that have been donated to the school. If you require support with any uniform items, please fill in the form below and we will endeavour to assist you:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gvP6nRgF6bUzsrOgWVJZLLRxkKgbGrbrgvpwh5R2dJA/edit?ts=646f26b7>

You will receive an end of year communication from your child's Achievement Leader which will set out further information regarding standards and expectations, but for the time being, I wish you a pleasant summer and we look forward to welcoming your child back in September after a well earned rest.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Wright

Assistant Vice Principal