



# Bishop Justus Church of England School

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the new academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to clarify some aspects of our school uniform policy and thank you for your continued support in maintaining the high standards that contribute so positively to our school community.

At Bishop Justus, we believe that a smart and consistent uniform helps foster a sense of belonging, pride and readiness to learn. Our **uniform policy** has recently been reviewed and published on the school website, reflecting current guidance and ensuring clarity for students, parents and staff.

Over the first few days of term, we have received a number of queries regarding hair colour. The uniform policy states that students' hair should be of a **natural tone**. While the vast majority of students already meet this expectation, we recognise that some families may need time to make adjustments.

To support families and ensure this expectation is implemented fairly and reasonably, students with bright or unnatural hair colours will have a transition period of six weeks to achieve compliance with the policy. We therefore ask that any necessary changes are made by **Monday 2 November**.

For the avoidance of doubt, the full uniform policy is available on the school website, and we encourage all families to familiarise themselves with it. The policy also includes some practical updates, including the option for students to wear **smart, tailored charcoal-grey shorts** as part of the school uniform should they prefer to do so, particularly during warmer weather.

Looking ahead, we also wish to give families early notice of a planned consultation regarding our expectations for **PE kit**. We are considering introducing clearer and more consistent PE kit requirements as part of our wider uniform expectations from **September 2027**. No changes are being made at this time, and we will be consulting with students, parents and staff before any final decisions are taken. We are sharing this information now to ensure families have plenty of notice should any changes be agreed.

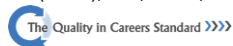
Thank you, as always, for your support. By working together, we can ensure that our students present themselves with pride and maintain the high standards that reflect the values and ethos of our school.

Yours sincerely,

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