

April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you and your families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We have enjoyed welcoming students back to school, ready to begin another busy and productive term together.

Re: Facial Piercings and Uniform Standards

I am writing to all parents/carers to explain why our uniform policy is what it is and why your support is so important in helping us to maintain standards. I understand that fashion goes through phases and, as a school, we strive to be consistent and transparent in how we establish our uniform dress code. Our policy regarding facial piercings and ear piercings (one small stud in each ear lobe) has been in place for over 15 years. If students wish to have piercings, these should be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday so that the 6-week period enables a great deal of healing to take place. In this way, the piercings can be removed and not worn in school. They can, of course, be worn to and from school, so that the piercing does not close over the 7-hour period that a student is in school.

Along with our governors, we, as a staff, and the overwhelming majority of parents, believe that focused application on learning stems from high standards of uniform and behaviour. We know that how we set our standards bodes well for the future prospects of the overwhelming majority of our students.

We have a strong and active student leadership focus at Alleyne's Academy and, through a variety of channels, students are given the opportunity to give us feedback and make representation regarding our uniform policy. At no time has the desire for facial piercings/additional piercings been raised.

I am pleased that the overwhelming majority of you support the school in upholding our standards. As you can appreciate, we have to hold the line on what might appear to be minor infringements because if we don't, where will the line be drawn? I urge you to continue to support us so that our time and energy is focused on securing the best outcomes for your children so that their futures can be bright.

Please see below for our key reminders and you can always find our most recent uniform & behaviour policies on our school website –

[Alleyne's Academy: School Uniform](#)

[Alleyne's Academy: Policies](#)

Key reminders:

- Blazers are a compulsory item of uniform
- Academy Tartan Skirt: appropriate length and not rolled up
- Leggings are not permitted
- Shoes should be black: no canvas, pumps, sports/branded trainers, or fabric shoes
- One pair of ear studs: no hoops, barbells or ear expanders etc.
- No facial piercings
- Ties must be worn – replacements can be purchased via ParentPay
- No extreme hair styles: shaved heads, Mohicans, brightly coloured dyed hair
- Equipment for the school day: school bag, pencil case [pens, pencils, rulers, calculator etc.]

From **Tuesday 5 May**, students not adhering to the school rules will be placed into isolation until contact is made with parents/carers and the issue resolved.

Facial Piercings

Any student wearing a facial piercing will be asked to remove the piercing, which will be confiscated and handed into the Academy reception for collection at the end of the day. A clear retainer can be provided if required.

Extreme Hair Colouring

Any students currently with brightly coloured dyed hair will need to correct this by the above date.

Yours faithfully

Mr Tweats

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Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Farnworth

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