

## Montgomery Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

With the reopening of beauty salons, hairdressers and non-essential retail shops tomorrow I felt it was the appropriate time to remind you of our uniform expectations. I must stress there have been no changes to our policy on uniform and this is a reminder to all parents and carers.

Unfortunately, this term we have seen an increased number of students with inappropriate nails at school. The policy states that nails must appear natural with no coloured nail varnish. If students have acrylic nails they must: be short in length, be natural in colour and have a rounded tip. Students arriving to school with a coloured nail varnish or inappropriate acrylics will be asked to remove them. Nails that are of an inappropriate length lead to students struggling to write and it can be a serious health and safety issue especially in P.E. lessons when playing contact sports.

In addition to this, I ask that you ensure that all hairstyles are suitable for the academy environment. If students dye their hair, only black, brown or blonde dyed hair is acceptable - no other dyed colours or streaks are permitted. Furthermore, tramlines or shaved head designs are not acceptable. If you are buying new shoes when the shops reopen please remember that footwear must be all black and must not be trainers or resemble pumps. They must not have white/coloured soles, no stripes, piping or logos.

Students were provided with three face masks at the start of term, please ensure they have at least one mask with them each day and that they are washed regularly. If your child has lost their face mask please purchase one for them to wear, they are fine to wear their own face mask as long as it is plain and black.

Finally, no facial piercings are allowed and make up must be minimal and natural, with no false eye lashes. Any students not conforming to this will be asked to remove their make-up.

I would like to thank you for your support on this matter, I will also be speaking to all the students virtually in an assembly next week to reinforce our expectations. Attached to this letter is our uniform expectation guide and a reminder of acceptable footwear. If you have any queries or I can support further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs E Cumming Assistant Headteacher

