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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to apologise for an email sent yesterday with regard to uniform. Some of the language used within it was both intemperate and inappropriate, as was the tone. I did not check the email before it was sent out and when I read the email after a governors meeting, it had already been sent. It was my responsibility to check the email, especially as my name was added to it and I didn't and I apologise for that.

We do have some ongoing issues with regard to uniform, we always do, however, the vast, vast majority of our students come to school and are impeccably dressed, they are a credit to you and themselves, and I am incredibly proud to be the headteacher at this school. Equally I recognise that a time of great stress and pressure, families are supporting the school through thick and thin, it has not been an easy 15 months for anyone. I can imagine that the thought of finding the time or the resources of any nature to buy uniform with just a few weeks of this year to go and in the knowledge that you will need to buy uniform again for September, is challenging for some families. I am only too aware of how hard some families have been hit this year and things are not the same for everyone.

We will always help if we can and we have bought more uniform this year than ever before. We have uniform to lend to students and we can help to purchase uniform, shoes, trousers, skirts, blouses etc etc.. Can I ask that if you need any help, you approach the Heads of Year first or get in touch with Jeanette Edwards (my PA) Jeanetteedwards@psf.wirral.sch.uk who will in turn pass on the message to me.

I grew up in as poor a situation as you can find in this country, not just financially, but in terms of support, emotional, practical and financial, and I know that whilst we have standards to uphold and part of our job is to tell people to adhere to the standard, there is a far more significant part of our role in supporting everyone in the community to get there.

It is my fault the email wasn't checked before being sent, I can only apologise, I am sorry.

Yours sincerely

Mr K Flanagan
Headteacher