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Dear Parent /Carer

Re: School Uniform

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first half term as Headteacher of The Arnewood School - the highlight being the superb production of 'Annie' which involved so many staff and students. The commitment, dedication and resilience of all involved culminated in a show to be proud of.

When considering pride in our school community, one of the first things that I think about is our uniform. At present, the range of interpretations of our uniform policy does not demonstrate the unity and togetherness that we strive for. Aside from pre-agreed adjustments related to medical considerations, I am planning a 'reset' to ensure our uniform expectations are being adhered to by all students.

In order to give families adequate notice, I am writing to inform you that from 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 we will expect all students to arrive in school ready to learn. Students who are not able or willing to fix issues with their uniform will spend time in our 'Reset' space until it is resolved. We are reviewing our published guidance to ensure our expectations are clear and this will be confirmed during the week after half term break.

In anticipation of some families struggling to purchase items of uniform during this difficult financial time, we have a stock of items available to those in need. Second hand uniform is available via our PTA online uniform shop: <a href="https://www.pta-">https://www.pta-</a>

events.co.uk/thearnewoodschoolpsa/index.cfm?event=products&fbclid=IwAR0mh1XCcDqPLVtVK975K\_S hDY5IlCTXas55ndbFj2Eb9GLORkyvmOcsU4s#.Y-UADy\_P2Un. There will be an opportunity to come in and purchase second hand uniform in person, details to follow.

In order to gather parental feedback I will be hosting a Parent Forum on **Tuesday 21**<sup>st</sup> **February at 4.30pm** during which I, and some of my senior leadership colleagues, will attempt to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Anderson Headteacher

