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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

We are finally experiencing what appears to be a period of prolonged hot weather, and therefore I am in a position to slightly relax the uniform expectations to ensure students are comfortable when learning in the academy.

From today until the end of the summer term, blazers must be worn to the academy in the morning and worn in registration. They can then be removed as students are not required to wear blazers around the academy. They can therefore be placed in students' bags for safekeeping.

Staff have been informed not to challenge students around the academy in relation to blazers. Please remind students that shirts must be tucked in.

The reasons for students wearing their blazers to the academy are:

- We need to maintain our high expectations of uniform, and students look their smartest when wearing blazers.
- There may be formal occasions when students are requested to look their smartest, e.g. tours of the academy, Awards Assemblies, etc.

My expectation is that students continue to follow the uniform policy and act swiftly to address any issues (e.g. an untucked shirt).

As a Headteacher, I get to visit a number of schools – some locally and some further afield, and I can honestly say I never go to a school where I find the students looking more smart in full school uniform that in our school. We are committed to sky high expectations and this is demonstrated day in, day out by how well presented Buckler's Mead students are. I am hugely grateful to you, as parents and carers, in supporting this to be the case.

## Additional information in relation to warm weather

We have invested in a number of new water dispensers, which are being placed around the academy. These are designed to fill water bottles, so please ensure your child has a refillable bottle with them. We encourage students to fill up water bottles during their break time and lunchtime and not during lesson times.

Yours sincerely

MR M LAWRENCE Headteacher

