



November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 29th November 2019

The School is holding a Non-Uniform Day to help support the charity Sycamore Counselling Service plus our own Student Voice initiatives at school.

Sycamore Counselling Service is a local Charity offering a confidential and professional counselling service for adults, children and young people from throughout Warwickshire but especially from Nuneaton and Bedworth. They meet with children and young people at their service in Nuneaton offering a safe space to talk to a counsellor either on a one to one basis or in our play therapy room where there are lots of different activities which can be used during the session to help work through any problems or worries that they might have. They see in the region of 400 clients a year and offer over 4,000 hours of counselling.

Student Voice at Higham Lane School are working on refurbishing key facilities, increasing opportunities for personal development, introducing recycling and supporting a variety of charities.

We would like all of our students to have a really enjoyable Non-Uniform Day. We would like to kindly remind students and parents/carers about our expectations on Non-Uniform Days. Students' outfits should be smart, casual dress, which is suitable for the school environment. For example, no inappropriately ripped jeans; no cropped tops; no tops which stop at the waistband or ride up the body; no tops with a netted/crocheted finish or which have any areas that can be seen through; no midriff flesh or underwear should be visible; no short skirts or shorts; shoes should be flat (no heels). The School's hairstyle, jewellery, make-up and false nails rules also still apply and the School reserves the right to send any student home who is inappropriately dressed.

To participate in this event, your son/daughter is required to kindly pay £1 by the end of form time on **Friday 22nd November to their Form Captain**. Any students who do not pay the £1 by the deadline or who choose not to participate in the Non-Uniform day will be expected to attend school in the normal school uniform. Students who fail to pay the £1, but still turn up to school in non-uniform, will be sent home to change into school uniform or given clean school uniform to wear from our Student Services Department. These students will also be placed in a Pastoral Detention. We may also not allow them to wear non-uniform during future Non-Uniform days as they have clearly chosen to disregard these very clear expectations.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and feel you are unable to make this £1 contribution, please kindly contact your child's Progress Leader to discuss this matter in confidence.

Thank you for helping to support the School by raising money for these important charities, for school projects and for ensuring that your son/daughter is appropriately dressed for this Non-Uniform Day.

Yours sincerely

P.Kelly

Headteacher

Esther Blaxhall

Head Girl

Will Parsons

Head Boy

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