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**HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL**  
An Academy Trust

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Dear Parents

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**UNIFORM at Hitchin Boys' School**

At this time of the year as the weather gradually worsens it is worth reminding us all of the school's policy on outdoor clothing.

**Outdoor coats** – The School Rules state: “Outdoor coat if worn, should be suitable for cold and wet weather, and must be plain coloured blue, grey or black. Raincoats, cagoules, anoraks or duffel coats are acceptable. ‘Hoodies’ are not allowed, however, either as a substitute for a pullover or as an outdoor garment. They are a casual clothing item and not consistent with our formal, for-work dress code. **The only exception** is the branded school “hoodie” which is a requirement for some sports teams and may be worn OVER the blazer.

Acceptable plain outdoor coats are widely available from shops local to the school, including our preferred uniform supplier Hawkins of Bucklersbury.

**Hats**, if worn, must be of a style and appearance consistent with the standards set for school uniform in general. A woolly hat in winter, preferably blue, grey, black or yellow is acceptable. In neither case may they be worn moving around the school: once in school they should be put in bags and brought out only at breaks and lunchtimes if the weather requires it.”

If you have any concerns about the financial implications of these uniform rules please do not hesitate to contact the school office who may be able to offer assistance.

Items of clothing which contravene the School Rules may be confiscated until the end of the school day. Repeated infringement of these rules will be considered as defiance and will attract further sanctions.

I would like to write to thank you all for your continued support of the School's uniform policy. As an institution we take very seriously the preparation of our young boys for their lives in the “real world”. A vital lesson in this area is dressing appropriately for work or other formal situations.

School is a formal situation and as such we – and by “we” I mean, the School, the Governors and you, the parents - expect conformity to uniform policy. Therefore I am writing to encourage you to ensure that your son is fully equipped for the weather ahead.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation

Yours sincerely

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