

15 September 2015

Dear Parent / Carer

Further to my recent letter regarding our school's personal presentation policy and the issue surrounding students wearing branded shoes, in particular "Kicker" shoes that have a red and a green tab.

Firstly, I would like to thank those parents who worked with us over this matter by following the request to either black out or cover up the labels on these shoes. As explained, our policy has not changed for the 2015/16 academic year. However, what has become apparent is that there has been some discrepancy with the information given out to parents regarding this particular type of shoe, prior to my appointment.

When I met with the school's Governing Body yesterday and raised this issue, it was agreed that students will be allowed to wear this brand of shoe (Kickers) for the remainder of this academic year. However, with effect from 1 September 2016 the policy will be adhered to in its entirety - www.westleigh.co.uk (Policies/Personal Presentation and Uniform).

I am now keen to draw a line under this issue and move forward with the important focus on the education and care of our school community.

Can I thank those parents who brought the conflicting message to my attention. I place a high priority on working closely with parents to get the best outcomes for our students and therefore if you have an interest in school matters, I invite you to join me at our first Parental Forum for 2015/16 which takes place on Wednesday 7 October 2015 at 7.00pm. There is also a vacancy for a Parent Governor and information regarding how to apply for this position is provided overleaf.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher