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Dear Parent / Carer

May I take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support since taking up post as Headteacher. I am getting to know the school very quickly and it is clear that a key strength of Westleigh lies in the way in which our students are keen to meet the highest expectations in relation to standards.

You will be aware that the school has a well-established policy on standards, uniform and personal presentation; a copy of which can be accessed via our school website, [www.westleighhigh.co.uk](http://www.westleighhigh.co.uk) under Policies (Personal Presentation). Our school policy regarding footwear makes specific reference to, "sensible, plain black shoes without logos, stripes or colours". This policy has not changed for the 2015/16 academic year.

In my first address to parents and carers, I made reference to raising standards further linked in with taking the school forward. Since the start of the new term, I am aware that a number of queries have been raised with regards to specific brands of footwear e.g Kickers, which whilst very smart, have been correctly identified as failing to adhere to our school policy.

At this stage, if your son or daughter's shoes have been identified as failing to meet our school policy by their respective Head of Year, specifically with regards to coloured tabs or logos, could I ask that you consider how best to ensure that they do conform with our policy. This may include:-

- Colouring over the label/logo with a permanent black
- Covering each label/logo with black tape
- Removing the label/logo

As Headteacher, I am keen to maintain the strong partnerships which clearly exist between home and school across the Westleigh community and I am confident that the issue outlined above can be resolved quickly and fairly. Should you have any further concerns regarding this or any other matters in relation to standards and personal presentation, I would encourage you to contact the relevant Head of Year at the school in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support with this matter.

Yours faithfully



**C BRAMWELL**  
Headteacher