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Dear Parents/Carers,

As in my previous letter on Friday 26th February, I have outlined the procedures for return to onsite education, we very much look forward to our students returning to the Academy on the week commencing 8th March.

As an academy, we must seek to reverse the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on our children's education as swiftly as possible. In the very best schools, almost all conversations are about learning and how staff can support students to be more successful. By having high and clear expectations, we remove the need to constantly discuss the things that simply 'get in the way'. **As such, we expect all students to return to the Academy during the week commencing the 8th March in full school uniform.**

For the avoidance of doubt, I have included below, a summary of what is included in our uniform policy: Please note, we have recently added an **optional** black MEA V neck jumper to our school uniform. This can be purchased from our official school uniform supplier, MCS Stores. No other types of jumper are allowed to be worn in the academy by students. Additionally, the MEA jumper does not replace our MEA blazer and MEA blazers should still be worn by all students at all times.

MEA Uniform

Royal blue blazer with green trim and Academy logo

Formal black trousers (not denim or skinny fit trousers) or a black fully pleated skirt. The skirt should be worn knee length.

White shirt tucked in at all times and collar buttoned up

MEA year group tie with at least 6 stripes showing

Black socks or tights

OPTIONAL MEA jumper, which students may wear under their blazer at any time in the year.

Footwear

Shoes – all black and flat, formal style

Footwear that resembles trainers will not be acceptable

ALL other clothing falls outside of our academy uniform policy and is unacceptable for school.

Make Up

Only very light, subtle make-up is allowed.

Jewellery & Piercings

We do not allow any jewellery to be worn by students, other than a watch.

Hair

No extreme hair styles or colours are permissible.

Students who arrive at the Academy inappropriately dressed will be asked to rectify this immediately and parents may be contacted to ensure that the correct uniform is brought into the Academy, so that the student can be dressed correctly. Students who repeatedly wear trainers or other non-uniform footwear, will be issued with a suitable pair of shoes by the Academy.

School uniform can be purchased in the following ways:

MEA blazers, jumpers (optional) and ties should be purchased from our official uniform supplier:

MCS Stores,

Fog Lane,

Didsbury,

Manchester

M20 6EL

Tel: 0161 445 7740

Website: www.mcsstores.co.uk

The store is currently open online and offers click and collect and home delivery services.

All other uniform items can be purchased from a wide range of clothing retailers and supermarkets online or in person.

Face masks

The updated government guidance states that students should wear facemask in rooms where a two - metre distance from others cannot be maintained, for an initial period when they return. This means students should wear facemasks in classrooms. Teachers will wear facemasks in classrooms if they cannot maintain a two-metre distance from students. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your child's Pastoral Manager or Leader of Character & Culture as soon as possible for support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy switchboard on 0161 499 2726 or via email at admin@meacad.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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