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Dear Parent/Carers

I hope you and your family are safe and well and thank you for your continued support. Our pupils have made us proud as always, by demonstrating their STAR value through wearing their correct uniform, being on time for school and their enthusiasm for learning.

We have high expectations of all our pupils. Our pupils have told us that our routines and high expectations make them feel safe and valued at school. We have a very small minority of pupils whose uniform is still not correct. We do understand that these are difficult times and families might find it difficult to purchase a replacement uniform. Please contact the school if you need any support.

Please check our uniform expectations from the link below. The school does not permit any false eyelashes, acrylic nails or face piercings.

[The George Eliot Academy - Uniform \(midlandat.co.uk\)](https://www.midlandat.co.uk)

May I also draw your attention to the updated guidance from the DFE relating to pupil searches, please see link below:

[Searching, Screening and Confiscation \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

On occasions it may be necessary to carry out bag searches for prohibited items. This is to ensure all pupils and staff are safe at all times whilst on site.

The Principal and staff authorised by them have a statutory power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have a prohibited item.

Prohibited items are:

- knives or weapons
- alcohol
- illegal drugs
- stolen items
- tobacco and cigarette papers or vapes
- fireworks
- pornographic images
- any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil)

As always, I thank you for supporting your child to do their best and be the best they can be.

Yours sincerely



Mrs H Zakary

The Principal