

25th January 2019
Our Ref: EAH/PF19-12



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Acrylic/ Artificial Nails - amendment to current policy and a reminder about discrete make up

As you are aware, we have quite a permissive policy on the wearing of discrete make up and polished nails. However, the current fashion for long, sharp pointed acrylic nail extensions is a health and safety risk and we will not be permitting them after the February half term.

I am therefore advising all students and their parents/carers that from Tuesday 26th February, students will no longer be permitted to wear pointed acrylic or any other nail extensions that protrude further than the end of the finger. Students must ensure that they make arrangements to remove them by this date. They will be removed from main school lessons to study in the PSC until such time as the nails are cut to the required length, or fully removed.

We have also noticed a small number of students who are wearing excessive make up. From Tuesday 29th January, students will be sent to the medical room to remove excessive make up if, in the opinion of the staff, it is not considered to be discrete. We are sympathetic to the wearing of light make up for students who may be self-conscious about teenage skin problems, but we will take issue with the wearing of excessive make up in all cases.

I must make it clear to students that we will not brook any argument or negotiation about this, and students will be removed from circulation and placed in the PSC to study if they refuse to comply with staff requests in respect of these matters. We have a far more flexible approach than many schools, and the vast majority of students appreciate and respect these freedoms. However, the school's decision on what is acceptable is final, and we thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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