



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to clarify King James's position regarding acceptable attire for our non-uniform activities, both for next week's enrichment days and for future events and activities when students are able to wear their own clothes.

On recent non-uniform days, school staff have experienced more students coming into school wearing clothing that is not wholly appropriate for the activities that they are engaged in.

As such I would ask you to support us in ensuring your children adhere to school expectations when making their non-uniform choices over next week and for any future "own clothes" events. The following is a list that I have shared with students regarding next week's enrichment day in school and the trip out of school. Whilst it is particularly relevant for next week, it does have some general guidance and expectations that I'd ask you and your child adhere to for all future school events.

- Clothing should be loose and comfortable. All students to wear trainers/pumps
- Boys and girls should ideally be in joggers/ leggings and a t-shirt. (not vest tops/spaghetti strap tops/ basketball tops or skirts/skorts)
- Denim is not a practical material for inflatables or aerobic activity or a day at an amusement park where there are numerous water activities (and a long coach trip!), so jeans are to be avoided if possible.
- Long shorts on a hot day would be acceptable but short shorts on either boys or girls are not acceptable (inflatables always come with a "friction burn" warning - as such legs need to be covered as much as possible.) Please also no short shorts with tights - again this is not appropriate material for aerobic activity nor trips out.
- T shirts rather than strapless tops/vest tops will provide more protection against the sun and "friction burns" from inflatables.
- Girls should wear tops that can be tucked into leggings (there is clearly a modesty issue on inflatables).
- Midriff and cleavage should not be on show at all (again this is a modesty issue but also about protecting skin from "friction burns" and sunburn.)
- Underwear should not be visible at all.
- Hair should be tied back, absolutely no jewellery and please be mindful of "long nails" - there may be some physical contact on one of these days!
- No phones will be allowed out in the day - students are advised to leave valuables at home.

The same clothing rules apply for the trips day. Again I have reminded students that they are expected to be representatives of King James's school and as such they should be dressed appropriately and modestly. Please ensure your child is not wearing "short" shorts, (either with or without tights), crop tops/midriff showing tops or anything that means other people can see their underwear. Students have been told that failing to adhere to expectations regarding acceptable clothing will mean them being withdrawn from activities and trips.

Please also ensure that your child has applied sun cream, has a hat, plenty of water and/or a waterproof coat if the weather is inclement.

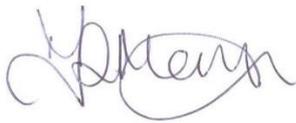
I would suggest that valuables (other than a small amount of cash for food) are not taken on trips. Clearly, students will want to take phone; if this is the case can I ask that you make sure they are insured. Please remind your child about using phones safely and that they are in large theme parks with potentially thousands of other people.

As ever, both days require the behaviour that we have come to expect from King James's students. Please also reiterate these standards with your child.

A final reminder that if your son/daughter's trip is due to return after school hours, school buses will not be available and you will need to arrange alternative transport for them to get home. If you are in receipt of free school meals, a packed lunch is available from the dining hall after 8am.

As a staff, we are very much looking forward to the enrichment days next week. They will mark a celebratory end to the year and allow students to have fun and make some great memories. Thank you for taking the time to read and act upon this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Morgan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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