



STATEMENT

A situation has arisen in the school whereby we have a relatively large minority of pupils wearing 'Vans' or other black leather trainer-type footwear. There are many reasons why this has come about, not all of which are in the school's control. So that this does not become a long-running distraction from teaching and learning, I have taken the decision that **for the rest of this academic year only at this point**, the school will allow pupils to wear all footwear which is leather and completely black, i.e. that leather 'Vans' type footwear will be allowed.

We will conduct a review of uniform to ensure that the situation is clear well before purchases are made for next year. I would ask that pupils do not try and take advantage of this concession by wearing other trainers or coloured footwear. We will still be maintaining the smart look that the school is associated with. May I also particularly thank those parents and carers who have supported us by purchasing formal school shoes for their children.

I have attached a document which explains in some length the situation as presented and a detailed explanation of this decision. I would ask that you take the time to read that if possible please.

Should anybody wish to discuss this with me, I would be happy to hear your views and can be contacted at the school.

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