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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to ask for your support in ensuring that all female students in the school wear skirts of an appropriate length.

The vast majority of the girls are wearing trousers or appropriate skirts. However, some girls are wearing tight lycra skirts which may start just above the knee when pulled down but ride up when walking or going up the stairs. The result is that we have girls whose underwear can be clearly seen even when wearing black tights. Some girls are wearing sports shorts underneath so that their underwear is not visible. If tights or shorts are having to be worn, as the skirt is so short, then obviously the skirt is not appropriate. A skirt which rides up to a student's bottom or allows underwear to be visible reflects badly on the individual girl and the school.

We have tried working with the girls but with very little success. The skirt is changed but is then worn again after a few days. We are now at the stage where members of the public are commenting on how scruffy some of the girls look.

As the girls still continue to wear what are inappropriate skirts for school, I am sadly going to have to ban tight lycra skirts as of Monday 22 March 2010. Any girl who comes into school as of 22 March 2010 wearing such a skirt will be isolated until a parent/carer can bring in an alternative. If this causes problems for any parents/carers then we do have a small number of appropriate skirts which could be loaned to a student.

I would like to stress that the vast majority of girls look smart and dress appropriately for school.

Yours sincerely

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