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OVERALLS AND GENERAL SAFETY IN LABORATORIES

Dear Parents

All places of work, including schools, have to conform to the various provisions of Health and Safety Acts and it is the custom to produce Health and Safety Policies in individual cases. The Science Department's Health and Safety Policy:

- Advises that overalls of a suitable length, buttoned or otherwise secured, should be worn by pupils at all times in the laboratories to protect clothing and bare arms;
- Requires such overalls to be worn when pupils are handling chemical or biological materials;
- Requires that apparatus and chemicals should be handled with due care, following sensible safety guidelines.

Consequently, if your daughter attends a Science lesson without her own overall, she may be excluded from practical work. Alternatively, any damage to clothes that occurs when students are not wearing a lab coat will be their own responsibility.

Similarly, if your daughter breaks or damages apparatus as a result of careless behaviour, she will be charged for the replacement or repair. In either unlikely event, we will, of course, write to inform you.

As your daughter progresses through school, she may out-grow her lab coat hence the expectation is that a new white lab coat should be purchased.

Please complete the section on the Data Collection Booklet to acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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