



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

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Dear Parents/Carers

Non Uniform Day – Rainbow Friday – School Diversity Week

The school will be holding a non uniform day on Friday 25 June 2021 to support School Diversity Week. The theme of the day is to wear a colour/colours from the Progress Flag, and we encourage all students to wear an item of coloured clothing. So, they can wear any of the following colours: white, pink, light blue, brown, black, red, orange, yellow, green, dark blue and purple.

School Diversity Week is a 'Just Like Us' annual celebration of LGBTQ+ equality and inclusion in education, celebrated by primary schools, secondary schools and colleges across the UK taking place from 21 - 25 June 2021.

It is a celebration of all people and promoting inclusivity for all within the school community. We are celebrating School Diversity Week to show students that they should be proud of who they are and that all students should be accepting of how others identify.

We are in the process of creating a Pride Youth Network (PYN) within the school for any students to join who wish to be a part of promoting inclusivity within the Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form community. This will enable them to help express issues or concerns and help develop new strategies to make all students feel safe and accepted. We are hoping to hold the first PYN meeting within School Diversity Week next week, and a separate letter will be sent home to students who have already expressed an interest in joining.

During School Diversity Week there will be some tutor activities to complete as well as a Pride Picnic on the field during lunch break for any students who wish to take food out and join the current PYN sixth formers and teachers (weather permitting and with appropriate maintenance of the bubbles). We are also going to be serving some colourful ice lollies in the school Food Hall as well. There are no donations required; this non uniform day is to celebrate.

Please note that students are not permitted to wear items that are inappropriate for the school environment, and that for health and safety reasons, the usual rules regarding jewellery and other accessories still apply. Hair must not be dyed an unnatural colour, even temporarily. No shorts or revealing clothes will be permitted. Any students wearing such clothing will be sent home to change.

Yours faithfully

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Student Ambassador Leader

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