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Dear Parents/Carers,

From the parents' questionnaire at the end of January, it was evident that outlining our uniform expectations clearly - and applying the school's uniform policy consistently - is something that the majority of parents/carers wish to see. Therefore, I have spent the past term consulting with different groups to define our uniform policy.

The new uniform policy is the result of consultation with pupils, staff and governors. Moreover, this policy reflects the views of parents in the school. Our first ever 'Parent Partnership' forum was held at the beginning of March to gather the opinions of mums and dads on uniform. This seemed like a sensible approach, as it is parents/carers who are tasked with upholding the school's uniform rules in the first instance.



Therefore, our policy is the consensus of the school community, as all stakeholders contributed towards – or had the opportunity to contribute towards – the shaping of these expectations. By reaching an agreement that represents everyone's views, this policy should be something that is both sensible and reasonable, and something that will achieve the objective of all children looking smart, all of the time.

In terms of being sensible and reasonable, lots of thought and planning has gone into ensuring that parents and pupils have sufficient notice and support in order to adhere to the new expectations. For instance, the new uniform policy is being shared at the end of Term 4 (March 2017); ready to be introduced at the beginning of Term 5 (mid-April 2017); but it won't come into effect fully until the beginning of the new academic year (September 2017).

This timescale is designed to give sufficient time to plan and prepare for any changes that need to be made. By introducing a timescale like this, we hope that some non-uniform items (e.g. leggings and trainers) can be changed relatively quickly, whereas others (e.g. non-logoed jumpers) can be replaced over the course of a few months, ready for the start of the new academic year in September.

To assist parents/carers in making any changes needed for the new uniform policy, we have also secured lower price on logoed uniform from our suppliers and we will sell second-hand, logoed uniform in the school office. Furthermore, from Term 5, parents/carers will also be able to order directly from our supplier (see the school office for details). While this choice will be slightly more expensive than ordering as part of a bulk order through the school office, this option does allow for greater flexibility and convenience (please contact the school office for further details). Alternatively, we have sourced embroidered school badges which can be ironed onto plain school uniform bought from elsewhere (these will be available from the school office after the Easter break for only a small fee).



Hopefully, you will see that due care, attention and consideration has gone into planning these changes. We hope you will support the school in the decisions that have been made and help us to uphold the new uniform expectations.

A summary of the main features of the new uniform policy can be found on the following pages – a full version is available on the school website. If you have any questions/queries, please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. S. Carter  
(Headteacher)

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