

25 May 2022

Dear parents and carers

Uniform Review

The Uniform Review Working Party would like to say a big Thank You to all of you who kindly took the time to complete the recent online questionnaire about uniform. We had over 320 completed, which is one of the best returns we have had to a parent survey. We very much appreciate, and value, the time you all took to share your views on this very important aspect of school life. We have also been running similar discussions in school with groups of students, gathering their views on how comfortable the uniform is to wear, the PE kit and the summer vs winter uniform. All of this information is being used in the review and in discussions with our main suppliers regarding affordability and quality. It is clear from your responses that there continues to be strong support for our smart, formal uniform.

Some parents have asked when the results of the review will be known. The national guidelines require us to have new uniform options available from the summer of 2023, ready for the beginning of the 23/24 academic year in September 2023. This long lead in time is due to the ordering and supply cycles of our main suppliers. As was previously stated, it is not the intent of the review to radically change the uniform, but we do want to increase the range of choice, availability and affordability of some items. In the meantime, we are working with our suppliers to see if the prices of some items can be cut in the short term.

Finally, please be assured that any items purchased before the new uniform and PE kit guidance is released will remain wearable in school beyond September 2023 when a transition phase will be implemented.

Yours sincerely

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Alan Henshall
Headteacher

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Heather Bayne
Chair of Governors