



Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Important Updates to School Uniform Policy following consultation

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to inform you about some important updates to our school uniform policy, which will take effect from September 2025. These changes have been made after careful consideration and extensive feedback from our school community. Thank you to all those that took part in the consultation process and shared your thoughts. We are pleased that we have been able to make some amendments based on your feedback. Full information on the uniform is included with this letter in an email and can be found on the [uniform page](#) on our website.

Why Change the Uniform?

The decision to update our uniform policy stems from several key factors:

- Financial Considerations: We aim to reduce the financial burden on families by streamlining the number of required uniform items.
- Suitability for Activities: The new uniform is designed to be more practical and suitable for our day-to-day activities.
- Uniformity and Equality: Simplifying the uniform helps promote a sense of equality and unity among students.

Key Changes and Transition Period

We understand that transitioning to a new uniform can be challenging and may incur further costs. Therefore, following your feedback we have implemented a longer phased approach to the majority of our uniform update:

Transition Period: The new uniform policy will start from September 2025, with a transition period extending through the 2025/2026 school year. During this time, students may continue to wear the old uniform.

Full Implementation: From September 2026, we ask that all families adhere to the new uniform guidelines.

Uniform Details

Day to day

- White Polo Shirt: Clean and crisp appearance for both winter and summer.
- Green Jumper or Cardigan: With the school logo.
- Grey Trousers, Shorts, or Skirt: No visible base layers or under armour garments.
- Green Gingham Dress: **Optional** for summer.
- Black Shoes/Trainers: No visible logos for uniformity.

Physical Education (PE) Uniform

- White Polo Shirt: Breathable for physical activity.
- Black Shorts: Allows for easy movement.
- Black Trainers: Provides support for various activities.
- Black Joggers/Leggings: **Optional**.



Additional Items

- OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning): Puddle suit or winter jacket and wellies or boots.
- Bags and Equipment: Back-pack, bag for wellies and OPAL clothing, and lunchbox if having packed lunches.

Jewellery and Accessories

- Earrings: One pair of discreet earrings (small plain studs only).
- Necklaces, Chains, Rings, and Bracelets: Should not be worn unless for religious/cultural reasons.
- Hair Accessories: Bobbles or hair bands should be green, grey, black, or white.
- Wrist Watches: Allowed, but not smart watches that connect to the internet.

Base Layers/Under Armour/Skins

We have decided that base layers, under armour, and skins will not be part of our school uniform if they are visible. These items are designed for sports and performance and are not suitable for regular school wear. Children may wear them underneath trousers or joggers, but they should not be visible.

School Hoody

We appreciate that the school hoody has been a popular item of our school clothing. However, we have made the difficult decision to discontinue it as part of our uniform. The reasons for this include the additional cost for families, the similarity in material to the school jumper/cardigan, and challenges with students refusing to take the hood down. While we understand that some families may still want their children to wear the hoody, we will allow it on PE days only until the full switch in September 2026.

Notifying parents of uniform expectations:

If we see uniform that is not in line with our expectations staff are able to have a quiet and discrete conversation with the child. They may also make contact with yourselves to make sure that yourselves as parents are aware and can support us with ensuring our school expectations are upheld. We will always seek to be discrete and fair when managing uniform.

Adaptations to Uniform

We understand that some students may need adaptations to the uniform policy. Please see the process for this below.

- Process: Complete a uniform adaptation request form available from the office
- Review: Requests are forwarded to the Head of School and SENDco for consideration
- Goal: Ensure all students are comfortable and able to fully participate in school activities

Acknowledging Feedback and Moving Forward

We appreciate that not everyone may be happy or supportive of all elements of these changes. However, we are confident that parents will acknowledge that the school is seeking to work in the best interests of families over



the long term. The feedback we received was constructive, and we expect that families will support and uphold the school's decision moving forward.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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