



Dear Families,

3rd February 2025

RE: Changes to uniform for September 2025– consultation with families

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an important consultation process regarding our school uniform policy, which will take effect from September 2025.

Aims and Expectations:

Our current uniform, while traditional, has become expensive and includes numerous branded items. It no longer aligns with the day-to-day activities of our children. We aim to ensure that our students are dressed for success in the classroom while also being able to embrace outdoor play and learning. As a school that follows the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) program, it is essential that our uniform reflects this philosophy.

Additionally, we seek to align with the recent Department for Education (DfE) expectations and the Schools Bill, which stipulate that schools should have no more than three branded items. Our primary aims are to reduce costs for parents and ensure the uniform is suitable for all children. The amendments included within include savings of approximately £40 per child's uniform.

Consultation Process:

We value the input of our school community and believe that your feedback is crucial in shaping a uniform policy that meets everyone's needs. Therefore, we will be conducting a consultation process over six weeks during the second half of the spring term. This period will allow us to gather feedback from both parents and children.

You can provide your feedback by clicking the following link here: [Uniform consultation for families](#).

Timeline:

- Consultation Period: Spring Term 2 (6 weeks)
- Feedback Review: Early Summer Term
- Final Decision and Announcement: Summer Term 1

(These are guideline dates and if feedback allows we can notify parents sooner).

How to Participate:

We encourage all parents and guardians to participate in this consultation. You can click on this following link, [\(Uniform consultation for families\)](#).



which can also be found on our website and will be sent via email. will receive a survey link via email and the one above in this letter, and we will also hold a coffee morning in Spring term two after half term for parents to share views in person if they wish. Your feedback will be instrumental in finalizing the new uniform policy.

Adaptations to the Uniform:

We understand that some children may require adaptations to the uniform. If you would like to request an adaptation, please submit your request in writing. These requests will be considered by the SENDCo, and the teacher and Head of School will be informed.

Stationary and Equipment:

Along with the Uniform proposal we would like to ensure we as a school can provide the basics of equipment such as pens, pencils, rulers, glue sticks and sharpeners for children again reducing the need for parents to purchase pencil cases and its associated equipment. This will reduce the

Sustainability:

As part of our sustainability drive, following the outcome of any consultation we would seek to recycle old school uniforms, including shirts, ties, jumpers, and PE kits, if parents wish to donate them. These items can be put to many fantastic uses, benefiting our community and environment. More information will follow once the consultation has concluded.

Expectations:

Once the new uniform policy is confirmed, we expect all students to adhere to the guidelines from September 2025. We believe that a unified approach to school uniform will foster a sense of belonging and pride among our students.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to working together to create a uniform policy that benefits our entire school community.

Kind regards,
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