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Dear Parent/Carers

### **School Uniform**

As we enter our summer term, we are continuing to encourage our young people to wear school uniform and we'd like to take this opportunity to clarify some of the details for pupils and parents/carers. The current uniform was chosen by pupils and parents in consultation with the school.

We believe in the importance of school uniform for a number of reasons:

- It helps create a strong ethos and sense of belonging for pupils – it creates pride in our school;
- It increases the safety of our pupils – it allows pupils and staff to quickly recognise strangers;
- It is cost effective – wear for wear it is cheaper than buying branded clothing and shoes;
- It creates equity: it reduces the chance of pupils being judged negatively by their peers;
- If worn correctly it avoids disagreements over what is appropriate dress and therefore saves teaching time.

We appreciate that this is not the normal time of year for purchasing new uniforms and have therefore taken this into account when choosing our focus.

From Easter our focus will be on pupils wearing a school blazer, shirt and tie with optional school cardigan or jumper. External jackets should be removed on entering school and remain off until your child leaves the building again.

It won't be long until you are planning to buy uniform for the next school year in August. Our continuing focus then will be appropriate trousers, skirts and shoes. When buying shoes – we ask that they are completely black with no coloured writing or logos. Below the waist should be black skirt or trousers not leggings, jeggings or black jeans.

The last thing we want is for parents to waste money buying items that are not acceptable for school so we'd like to encourage you to take this into account when purchasing items over the summer. Enclosed is a list of appropriate and inappropriate school wear. We hope this will be helpful for you when considering next year's uniform.

Yours sincerely

Paul Cassidy  
Headteacher

**School Aim:** In our caring community we aspire to provide stimulating and challenging experiences that will enable all learners to develop the skills, knowledge, attitudes and values that will prepare them for life today and in the future.

**School Values:** Friendship, Achievement and Respect

<b>Appropriate school uniform</b>
School blazer
White shirt
Tie – (junior S1-3, senior S4-6 or colours tie if this has been awarded)
School cardigan or jumper ( this is optional if the weather is cold)
Black trousers or skirt of appropriate length
Plain black shoes or boots
Socks/black or neutral coloured tights

<b>Inappropriate items</b>
Football colours in any form
Non-school jumpers or cardigans
Hoodies
Hats
Tracksuit/jogging bottoms
Leggings/jeggings or black jeans
White or multi-coloured trainers
Scarves
Garments of inappropriate length
Garish jewellery or headwear
Fashion belts
Coloured t-shirts worn under white shirts