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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: School Uniform

I am writing to clarify our expectations regarding school uniform including PE kit/uniform. These are points that are regularly discussed and agreed with members of the Senior Leadership Team, Year Leaders and Assistant Year Leaders (Year Teams). As you are aware we have changed our school uniform from September 2022 to be in line with Government guidance to reduce the cost to parents and carers for the purchase of school uniform and retain the unique identity of each school/academy.

We wish to thank you very much for your support in ensuring that your child meets our uniform expectations every day. The pupils have responded very well to the changes that have been made this year and are generally looking very smart. We wish to take this opportunity though to remind you of a few key points from our uniform guidance, this is because fashions rapidly change, and manufacturers market some items as "school wear" that don't meet our requirements of school uniform especially regarding branding and logos on footwear. The Year Teams are aware of a small number of pupils whose parents/carers have bought such items in good faith and an agreement has been made with those families that the item can be worn until they wear out to avoid unnecessary expense.

We wish to make it clear from this point that footwear with logos and branding are not a part of our school uniform. When purchasing any items for school, if you are unsure if they meet our expectations please contact your child's Year Team for clarification, as we want to avoid any situation where parents/ carers buy items that are not part of our uniform. Also, we wish to clarify that our children should not "mix and match" between school uniform and PE kit. For example, it has been noticed by Year Teams and PE staff that children have been wearing their school sweatshirt over their white PE top on days they have PE – the ¼ zip PE top should be worn in this instance. Below is a reminder of our school uniform.

- Plain black standard trousers with a plain narrow belt are suitable for school whereas tight fitting, jeans, jeggings, leggings, flares, culottes, cropped styles and trousers with metal studs and patterns are not
- If skirts are worn, they should be plain black and be no more than 7.5cm (3") above the knee. Stretchy skirts are not acceptable. Skirts should be worn with black opaque tights
- Shoes should be plain black. Trainers or footwear with trainer-like soles, boots, canvas shoes and shoes with colourful, metallic, or plastic logos and attachments are not suitable for school. Any sportswear branding on footwear is not acceptable

PE Kit/uniform

- For PE pupils need suitable trainers that provide support, Converse like flat shoes are not suitable
- Pupils should wear a white polo shirt with the navy TSS approved ¼ zip training top and not replace this top with an alternative one or their round necked school sweatshirt. If

anyone needs support with the acquisition of the ¼ zip-top, please contact your child's PE teacher in the first instance

Finally, we wish to remind you to write the name of your child in each item of their school uniform and PE kit as this allows any misplaced items to be returned to them – we continue to have coats and sweatshirts handed to our Lost Property with no names in them. Also, if any parent/carer is having difficulty purchasing items of school uniform, please contact Year Teams in the first instance as we will continue to give support, so our children feel proud to be part of our school community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Morrel', written in a cursive style.

Ian Morrel

Headteacher