

18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well. I am writing to inform you of some small but important changes to our uniform guidance which will come into effect in January. These updates aim to provide more flexibility for our students while maintaining high standards of dress and presentation.

**Key changes to the uniform guidance:**

1. **Footwear:** From January, as well as black school shoes, we will now allow children to wear black trainers to school. These trainers must be entirely black, including the soles, and should not have any bright colours or logos. We hope this gives students more comfort while maintaining a smart appearance.
2. **Shirts in KS1 and KS2:** In EYFS and Key Stage 1, children will have the option to wear either a polo shirt or a button-up shirt. However, in Key Stage 2, children (with the exception of those with specific sensory needs and a pre-agreed arrangement) will be required to wear a button-up shirt. We believe this will help maintain a more formal and uniform look across the school. All children are expected to wear school ties (which are available to buy in the office).
3. **PE Kit:** Based off parent feedback, we have decided that on their designated PE day, children should come to school in their PE kit and wear it for the entirety of the day.

Their PE kit should consist of:

- Black joggers or shorts
- A black jumper or hoodie
- The Gordon green PE shirt (or a plain green PE shirt) or a white polo shirt

We are also confirming the PE days for each year group as follows:

<b>Year R -</b>	Friday	<b>Year 1 -</b>	Friday
<b>Year 2 -</b>	Friday	<b>Year 3 -</b>	Monday
<b>Year 4 -</b>	Monday & Thursday	<b>Year 5 -</b>	Tuesday & Wednesday (Swimming)*
<b>Year 6 -</b>	Wednesday		

\*Year 5 do not need to wear their kit on swimming days. Swimming days will continue as they have done for the last 2 terms.

If children do not have their PE kit or come into school in incorrect PE kit, they will need to borrow one from school. Please ensure they are prepared for their PE days.

**Coats and umbrellas:** Children can wear coats of any colour and are welcome to wear hats, scarves and gloves. Children **must not** bring umbrellas into school - they must be left with parents and carers on the gate.

As we introduce these changes, we will also be tightening our expectations around uniform. Teachers will be speaking to children if they are not in the correct uniform and approaching parents and carers at the end of the day, providing them with a letter around uniform expectations. A key expectation is that children will continue to wear a tie every day, and spare ties are available for purchase at the school office. As a reminder, the PTA run a second-hand uniform shop which has plenty of stock and the dates it is open are on the key dates letter (which can be found on our website).

We understand that there may be occasional circumstances where a student is unable to wear the full uniform, and we are always happy to support families in these situations. If this is the case, we kindly ask that you inform the school in advance, so we can address the issue appropriately.

If you have any issues with purchasing uniform, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are here to support you and can offer guidance or signpost you to external support if needed.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring all students adhere to the uniform guidance, and we thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a high standard of dress at school.

If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please feel free to contact the school office.

Kind regards

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