

6th September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to clarify our expectation of uniform for this term and the coming week, which is predicted to be warm. We are now in the autumn term and we expect pupils to come to school wearing winter uniform. The school tie, a white sleeved shirt that has the buttons to support a tie and a dark navy jumper, grey or black trousers and dark grey or black socks for boys. Girls have the choice of a skirt or trousers, navy or black and navy or black socks or tights. Details of school uniform can be found in your child's Record of Achievement.

I was unaware of the stipulation that boys were required to wear a long sleeve shirt. I have decided that it is impractical to police the length of sleeve on boys' shirts. I want pupils to be comfortable and I know that young people can be hot, even in the middle of winter! I am balancing the fact that you will have purchased shirts for the start of term and the practicality of making our uniform make sense. As long as pupils have a tie and jumper with them, we will not worry as to the length of shirt sleeves. At the start of each day, we expect pupils to arrive with their jumper and tie.

However, it is going to be warm this week and exceptionally hot tomorrow, on **Wednesday 7th September only**, pupils will be permitted to wear their PE kit in order for them to be as comfortable as possible. Temperatures are predicted to be in the high 20s and even low 30s and predicted to drop towards the end of the week. We will manage, like today by asking them to arrive in their winter uniform. Pupils can remove their ties and jumpers as it warms up.

Why don't I move to the summer uniform? - I am aware that many pupils may have outgrown summer uniform and I want to prevent any additional expense to parents in purchasing additional uniform.

I hope you can see we are trying to support your child to stay comfortable and understand the logic behind these amendments.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely



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