



23 April 2018

Dear Parents,

As to be expected, there have been some parents enquiries about our new school uniform.

The 'DFE strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. Above all, many schools believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.'

DFE also state, 'The governing body should be able to demonstrate to parents how best value has been achieved and keep the cost of supplying the uniform under review.'

I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that we have sourced the most affordable supplier, APC:

Sweatshirt (small)

APC	£8.50
Better and Bright	£9.99
Woodbank	£10.50
David Luke	£11.50

Polo shirt

APC	£6.50
Better and Bright	£7.99
Woodbank	£7.50
David Luke	£8.50

The Governors were determined that parents should have the widest choice of suppliers for the main elements of the uniform. Trousers, skirts, shorts, white shirts/blouses, summer dresses and school shoes can be bought anywhere.



Only two aspects of compulsory uniform are not generic and widely available. The school jumpers/cardigans with the school logo already on and the polo shirt for Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1, which is again in line with DFE guidance: 'Schools should keep compulsory branded items to a minimum and avoid specifying expensive items of uniform eg expensive outdoor coats.' The branded polo shirt identifies the children as being a TLEA pupil when they are not wearing their jumper/cardigan, in the same way as our unique tie identifies Key Stage 2 pupils.

As you know, the P.E kit will consist of black shorts, which can be obtained from any local supplier, and a green polo shirt. To help parents, the school will allow the children to wear a green polo shirt which is not branded with our school logo.

An amendment to the original letter is that grey socks or grey tights may also be worn.

The supplier will be available in school on:

26/27 April 2018 9.00am or 3.00pm

21 May 2018 9.00am or 3.00pm

5 June 2018 9.00am or 3.00pm

Order forms will be available throughout the year, therefore, items can be ordered at any time.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for the new uniform policy, it is really important for our Governors, staff and the whole school community to share the sense of pride and positivity created across the school by a uniform we share a common pride in.

Yours sincerely

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