

8th September 2017.

School Uniform

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for your support over our new school uniform. It has been great that so many parents and staff have come to me to say how smart the children all look in the new style and colours.

Unfortunately, it has been brought to my attention that some children are not wearing the full uniform. Boys must wear a white shirt, correct school tie, navy blue jumper with the logo on and grey trousers. Girls must wear a white shirt, correct school tie, navy blue cardigan with the logo on and a grey skirt. The jumpers and cardigans **MUST** have the school logo on, as must the PE kit and shorts. This means that when we go out on trips or take part in sporting events, all children will be easily identifiable as the red logo will stand out against the navy blue. We first informed parents over 18 months ago that the uniform would be changing this September; parents were asked for their opinions on the uniform before the final decision was made, and since then we have sent information out about the uniform on numerous occasions, either by newsletter or on the school app. We have had two mannequins in the main entrance for the last 6 months displaying the full uniform so parents could see what they were expected to buy, and as the supplier is still the same (Marks and Spencer) there has hardly been a change in the cost from our old uniform. In the summer term we negotiated an arrangement with Marks and Spencer to give you a discount of 20% off any order made before 31st July; this would have brought the cost to you down significantly. We realise that buying several uniforms can be costly, which is why we have given you so much notice of the change.

I do appreciate that some of you are still waiting for orders to arrive. We have explained to the children that this is not a problem and for them to use their old PE kits until you receive your orders. With this in mind I have agreed that the children can wear the uniform they are using now until the end of this month. We expect to see everybody in the full correct uniform on Monday 2nd October at the latest.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

As a school we heavily rely upon the payments we receive in our budget for children who qualify for pupil premium. We are awarded pupil premium for all children whose families are entitled to income related free school meals. We are asking that every single family applies for free school meals either on the school app or on the city council website. If you apply on the app that information will come to us and we can submit your application for you.

To qualify for free school meals you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits;

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and **do not** get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit.

If you would like us to apply on your behalf please bring in your National Insurance with your full name, address and date of birth.

For people in receipt of Universal Credit you cannot apply online but have to download a paper application form and submit it to the city council.

To help with the uniform costs, those families who are awarded free school meals will qualify for a £10.00 e-voucher for Marks and Spencer from school. If you are currently on free school meals you must re-apply to qualify for the voucher.

If you have any queries over any of the above information then please speak to someone in the school office.

Thank you for your support,

Mr. N. Verdin.
Head Teacher.