



THE CONSORTIUM
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Shaping Positive Futures

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to inform you about an update regarding our school uniform. Starting from the next academic year, we will be transitioning from individual school uniform policies to a Trust-wide school uniform standards statement. We believe this change will bring numerous benefits to our learners, families, and school community as a whole.

Why a School Uniform is Important:

A school uniform fosters a sense of belonging and pride among learners. It promotes equality by removing distractions related to clothing choices and helps learners focus more on their learning. Uniforms also contribute to a positive school identity and present a professional image to the wider community.

Rationale for the Change:

- 1. Cost Efficiency:** By standardising the uniform across all schools within our Trust, we aim to bring down costs for parents in the long term. This change ensures that uniform items are more affordable and accessible to all families.
- 2. Consistency and Standards:** Applying the same uniform standards across all our schools ensures consistency and fairness. It aligns our organisation with government guidance, which recommends having no more than three logo items (excluding a school tie) in a uniform. This change allows parents to choose where to buy certain items, providing more flexibility and cost-saving opportunities.

Maintaining Individual School Culture:

We want to reassure you that while we are implementing a Trust-wide uniform standards statement, we deeply value the unique culture and individuality of each school. The essence of what makes each school special will remain intact. Our commitment to celebrating the individual identities and traditions of each school will continue to be a priority. We believe that a unified uniform standards statement will enhance our collective strength while still allowing each school to maintain its distinctive character.

Transition Details:

From September, learners will be allowed to continue wearing old-style blazers, jumpers, and PE kits if they are appropriate. Please note that all items of clothing for the lower half of the body, including shoes, socks, skirts, and trousers, must adhere to the new statement from September.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we make this transition. A full guide to the school uniform can be found in Appendix 1 in the uniform standards statement. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to assist you and ensure a smooth implementation of this new statement. If you have any questions or queries, please contact your school.

Thank you for your continued partnership in creating an inclusive and supportive educational environment for our learners.

Warm regards,
The Education Team