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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about some important changes to our school uniform arrangements following new requirements from the Department for Education (DfE).

The new requirements are intended to ensure that school uniform remains affordable for families and that schools limit the number of compulsory branded items pupils are required to have. We have therefore carefully reviewed our uniform arrangements to ensure that we meet these requirements while continuing to maintain a strong and consistent school identity.

Our Branded Uniform Items

Under our revised uniform policy, the school's required branded items will be:

- **KS1 school book bag OR KS2 school rucksack**
- **School coat**
- **Blue branded PE sweatshirt**

Any other items of school uniform will not need to carry the school logo. This means that families will have the flexibility to purchase these items from a wider range of retailers, giving greater choice and helping to keep the overall cost of school uniform as affordable as possible.

We will continue to recommend our supplier, **Schooluniform247**, who offer our uniform at very competitive prices. However, we fully understand that families may wish to shop elsewhere.

We would, however, appreciate your continued support in ensuring that all uniform items reflect our school colours of **navy and purple**. Although some items will not need to be branded with the school logo, it is important that they remain in keeping with our school colours to maintain a consistent and smart standard of presentation.

In particular, we ask that:

- **Woolly hats and tracksuit bottoms are plain navy (and unbranded).**
- **Summer caps are purple.**
- **Summer dresses continue to be purple gingham.**

The PTA arranges second-hand uniform sales. Families are encouraged to use second-hand uniform where appropriate, helping to reduce both cost and waste.

Changes to the KS1 PE Kit

As part of our review, we will also be making a gradual change to the colour of the KS1 PE kit.

Currently, KS1 pupils wear our purple PE kit. We will be moving away from purple and introducing blue PE sweatpants and sweatshirts, in line with what KS2 pupils wear, with the aim that all KS1 pupils will be wearing the new blue PE kit from September 2028.

We appreciate that many families already have perfectly usable purple PE kit, and we do not want parents to incur unnecessary costs by replacing these items before they need to.

We will therefore introduce the change gradually:

Up to September 2027:
The existing purple PE uniform will continue to be available to purchase online and through our second-hand uniform sales.

September 2027 – July 2028:
Children will still be permitted to wear the purple PE kit. However, when purchasing new or replacement PE uniform during this school year, we will encourage families to purchase the blue PE kit rather than purple. Purple PE kit will not be sold at PTA Second Hand Uniform sales.

From September 2028:
We expect all KS1 pupils to have transitioned to the blue PE kit, and purple PE uniform will no longer form part of our school uniform.

This extended transition period is designed to give families plenty of time to make the change naturally as children grow out of their existing uniform, rather than requiring parents to purchase replacement items unnecessarily.

We recognise the importance of balancing a smart and consistent school uniform with affordability for families. We hope that these changes, together with the extended transition period for KS1 PE kit, will make the process as straightforward and cost-effective as possible.

Please find attached the school uniform policy. We ask that all parents and carers take the time to read it carefully and familiarise themselves with the key uniform expectations for their child, taking into account their gender and Key Stage.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,



Gabriella Murphy

Head of School