

November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

School Uniform

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to update you on our uniform policy. You may be aware that the government has asked schools to review their uniform policy to make sure costs are reasonable and parents get the best value for money.

We have made some decisions to support parents with uniform costs:

- We have changed our uniform supplier from Trutex to SWI Banner. SWI Banner were able to provide the same quality of uniform but at a slightly cheaper price.
- From today, there are some items that you can purchase from the high street or from SWI Banner - and these do not require the school logo. If you do purchase any items from the high street, they must follow our descriptions (see [table](#) and [visual guide](#) to help). If in any doubt about a purchase, please contact your child's Head of Year. Please note: SWI Banner are still in the process of embroidering the polo shirts so there may be a 3/4 week delay in getting these to you.
- **You are not expected to purchase any SWI Banner uniform if you do not need any new items, but if you want to purchase any uniform you will need to purchase them through SWI Banner.** Current students will still be able to wear the existing Trutex uniform. However, we do expect our new Year 7s students in September 2023 to wear the new PE uniform. SWI Banner PE uniform looks slightly different from the PE items purchased through Trutex.

School skirt

From September 2023 a straight black skirt will not be allowed. Only black skirts with pleats are permitted. We appreciate that purchasing black skirts from the high street may increase some variation in look, therefore we have decided to have one option for the skirt: black and pleated.

We are aware that some students are taking too wide an interpretation of what constitutes acceptable skirt length. School skirts are not mini skirts or maxi skirts. As a general guide, if a student is standing with their hands by their sides, the skirt must be at least in line with their fingertips. If their skirt is shorter than their fingertips, then this is a mini skirt and they will need a new skirt. Sanctions may be applied to students who are not wearing the school uniform correctly or who have the incorrect uniform.

The school website has been updated to reflect these changes [HERE](#). The website also has a '[How to Guide](#)' to help you log onto the SWI Banner website.

SWI Banner has supplied us with a range of items in different sizes. These will be kept in the reception and you can come in with your child and try items on to ensure you order the correct size.

We hope that the above changes will support parents with the cost of school uniform while still ensuring our students look smart. Please be aware that we still have a lot of good quality second hand uniform available. You can purchase these items from our school office.

Finally, thank you for your support with our school uniform. We were unable to advertise the change of suppliers for contractual reasons, but I hope this academic year gives you plenty of time to prepare for the changes and for you to ask any questions you may have.

Ms Burman
Deputy Headteacher