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Dear Parents / Carers

**Re: New Uniform**

I hope this communication finds you safe and well.

Thank you to all the parents of current Year 9 who completed the survey in relation to the new school uniform launch for Year 9 into 10. We believe that wearing a smart uniform is indicative of a readiness and commitment to learning and that the uniform for our school should reflect the highest of standards and pride in our school. However, we recognise the challenges that some families may be facing and appreciate your responses to the survey.

Working in partnership with parents and pupils is very important to us . Therefore from September 2020 we will introduce the new uniform for the incoming Year 7 but will *postpone its full introduction for everybody else until Sept 2021*. With effect from September 2021, we will introduce the new uniform for Years 8 ( current Year 7) and Year 9 (current Year 8). This gives families time to prepare for the change and as new items will be needed during the year, to purchase the uniform on a gradual basis.

Our **current Year 9 into Year 10** would normally purchase the new Grey Polo shirt at this point of transition into KS4 and they have been most proactive in voicing their desire for a new uniform. Given that there is a significant number of families in favour of the new uniform from September and mindful that for some, it is not possible at this time, we have reached a compromise. Instead of purchasing the KS4 uniform as would have always been the case, we would ask that you purchase the new tie (£7.65) , a white shirt ( can be purchased from any local supermarket/high street store) and the new school jumper ( from £17-£25) instead. The existing grey polo shirt and jumper would cost £23.19 compared with the new jumper and tie costing (£24.65-32.65) and a white shirt which can be purchased from high street shops and supermarkets for a very reasonable price. In fact, given that the shirts are much cheaper than the polo shirts in the current uniform (3 can be purchased from some reputable retailers for the same price as one polo shirt), this will represent a saving overall as most children will need more than one polo shirt.

Thank you for your support and we are pleased to have been able to use your feedback to find a solution that supports our families whilst not disappointing pupils. If you would like to discuss financial support with purchasing new uniform owing to individual circumstances, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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