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Dear Families,

Update: School Uniform Statement for 2026/27

I am writing to share some important updates regarding our school uniform. Following a consultation process with our families, the Governors have now approved the updated uniform status. These changes are designed to balance our high standards of excellence with the practical needs of our community, ensuring our uniform remains affordable and that the number of branded items is kept to a minimum.

The approved changes will take effect in two distinct stages:

Stage 1: From the Easter Holidays (April 2026)

The following updates to our current standards will formally take effect after the upcoming half-term break:

- **Hair:** Students will now be permitted to have hair that is more than one natural colour. This is an update to our previous requirement that hair be of a single natural colour.
- **Tailored Shorts:** Mid-grey tailored shorts (to the knee) will now be allowed for all students. Previously, these were typically reserved for hotter weather. Students are permitted to wear these from April 21st

We ask for your continued support in ensuring students return from the Easter holiday in full compliance with these updated guidelines.

Stage 2: From the Next Academic Year (September 2026)

Starting in September, we will further transition our uniform requirements to support affordability:

- **Non-Branded Items:** Students will be allowed to wear non-branded versions of essential uniform pieces. We are currently working with our supplier, Monkhouse, who we have asked to introduce a new high-quality, cost-effective non-branded range.
- **Updated Uniform Statement:** A fully updated and comprehensive Uniform Statement for the 2026/27 academic year will be available from September.

To assist with your preparations for the new academic year, Miss Beckett has sent a list of digital links for alternative non-branded uniform options, such as navy V-neck jumpers, PE shorts, and hoodies from various retailers.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and for your instrumental feedback during the consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Eddie Rakshi
Headteacher
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Useful Links for Non Branded Uniform

Navy V Neck Jumper

[M&S 2 pack Navy Jumper](#) Typically around £11

[Tesco 2 pack Navy Jumper](#) Typically around £11

[John Lewis- 2 pack Navy Jumper](#) Typically around £9

[Asda - 2 pack Navy Jumper](#) Typically around £9

Navy PE shorts

[Smart Choice Uniform – Plain PE shorts in navy](#) – typically around £5

[TFS Schoolwear – Navy school shorts](#) – traditional school style

Navy Hoodies

[Work Wear Express](#) - – typically around £9.

[Work Uniform Hoodie](#) - Typically £10

Navy PE Socks

[Mitre plain navy football socks](#) - typically £3

[Amazon](#) - typically £5

Navy Sports leggings

[M&S](#) - typically £12