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Dear Parent or Carer,

Uniform for September 2020

Although we are still in the middle of the lockdown, we are continuing to plan for next academic year and want to make sure parents, carers and students are all ready for when we reopen.

Part of this will be kitting out students for school with equipment and uniform. Over the past 18 months we have worked with the Parent Association gaining feedback on issues around our uniform, and the governing body took this feedback forward earlier this year.

Following this feedback, we wanted to make sure our uniform represented the best possible value for money for parents and carers. This was a point that has come forward consistently over the past 18 months.

From September 2020, we are introducing a **new plain blue school shirt** which will be available through Lawsons at an indicative price of £12.50 for junior sizes (pack of two), or £18 for senior sizes (pack of two). This is a significant reduction on the current shirt design prices of £25 for a junior pack of two and £31 for a senior pack of two.

We recognise that many parents and carers will have our existing striped shirt already. Therefore students will be welcome to continue to wear our existing striped shirts during a transition period that will last until the Easter break, 2021. All other aspects of the uniform remain unchanged.

The Governing Board has a statutory duty to ensure our uniform is value for money, and having benchmarked against other local schools, we feel this change helps us make sure we have a practical, smart uniform that is as affordable as possible for families.

Please also remember that if you as a family are struggling with costs associated with school, including uniform, our Heads of House will be happy to hear from you and help put in support including access to hardship funds where appropriate.

With best wishes,

Alan Salt
Principal