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Dear Parents/Carers,



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Your support and contributions to the uniform consultation process have been invaluable. They have helped to shape the uniform policy and made sure that affordability, the environment and recycling have all been considered during the decision making. Changes made to the original letter (15th October 2022) reflect this.

In moving to an active uniform, (a uniform which is suitable for all school activities including PE and outdoor learning) we addressed the issue of making the uniform affordable, but concerns have been raised about the change, the cost of transition and its timing.

In the light of this feedback, governors have agreed with the following changes:

- In light of the current pressure on family budgets, we are going to increase the length of the transitional period to the new sweatshirt by an additional 12 months so the new uniform will be phased in over 2 years. This will allow families time to reuse the current uniform or to recycle clothing until it's natural end. The new uniform can be worn from September 2022.
- The need for a specific rucksack with a logo will be removed from the requirement but we will specify the maximum size which can be brought into school from Sept 2022 to ensure that we can accommodate the rucksack in our storage and meet fire regulations.
- The requirement to mandate a school logo on any items has been removed, but we have also ensured that a logo can be applied to purple sweatshirts and jumpers as cheaply as possible.

The full uniform policy is available on the website. These are the sections of the policy that outline the new uniform:

1. School uniform

The Every Day Active Uniform will be:

- Dark purple sweatshirt or cardigan. We are asking parents to include the logo so that the children look smart and have a strong sense of identity/belonging. This is a preference and is not mandatory.
- White polo shirt.
- Black jogging bottoms, leggings, or shorts (tailored or cycling - not sports/football shorts).
- All bottoms must be plain black with no markings or logos.
- Footwear should be plain black with no markings or logos and must be sturdy enough for being active outdoors - no boots. They should be suitable for high impact PE activities, playtimes and being outside in all weathers - black, closed foot, cushioned shoes or trainers



with a grip are recommended and in KS1 all footwear should be Velcro fastened.

- We are setting up an area to store wellingtons for use during Forest School sessions, as soon as this is ready, we will let you know and ask for named wellingtons to be brought in.

For parents who would like a wider choice, children can also wear the following:

- Black trousers, skirts or purple check dresses can also be worn except on PE days.

There will no longer be a school PE kit.

School Bags:

From September 2022 Reception children will be given a purple book bag which they can use all the way through school. Children in year 3 have the option to continue using the book bag or to purchase a bag no larger than: Height 38cm, width 28cm and depth 19cm.

2. Suppliers

The school does not designate specific suppliers for the school uniform and items are available from many supermarkets and other suppliers, including Headmasters in New Mills. The school logo can be added by Headmasters in New Mills onto a sweatshirt or cardigan - Headmasters have offered to add logos for a reduced rate for parents experiencing financial hardship. Please speak to the school if you need further information or support. Samples of these school uniform items from both a supermarket and Headmasters are available to look at within the school.

3. Transition to new uniform

From September 2022, the new uniform will be in place. To enable families to recycle/reuse the current school uniform, the transition period will last for two years and all children should be wearing the new uniform by September 2024.

If families would like to donate any items of school uniform that is unwanted, please send them into school and we will pass them onto families that can use them.

The school will find alternative ways to recycle any current uniform so that no items are sent to landfill.

We have two companies, so far, who are able to support with recycling the uniform. One supports children in Ghana and would be delighted to give the clothing to children who have very few clothes. The other is a company who buys all the uniform and we get paid for it. Any money made would need to go to supporting families who may need financial support.

Once again, thank you for your support with shaping the uniform policy and providing an opportunity for our children to stand out in our community. Children will be dressed in a way that encourages physical activity and is affordable, smart, unique and comfortable.

Thank you

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Chair of Governors

