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Dear Parents/Carers

School Uniform

Over the past year we have adopted a more relaxed approach to uniform, mostly to avoid undue pressure on parents during the pandemic.

Looking forward to the new academic year, we will be raising our expectations again and I wanted to give you plenty of notice, particularly if you are planning on starting your new uniform shopping early.

We believe that we need to have a practical and consistent attitude towards uniform. It is important for the children to have a sense of identity, community and pride in their appearance. Our School Uniform policy reflects this.

Children should wear the following uniform from September:-

- White or blue polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan (with or without logo)
- Royal blue school fleece (optional)
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore (or blue and white checked summer dress)
- Plain grey, black or white socks
- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers

Please note that you can buy items with the school logo from Sam Dale's in the village, but non-logo items are just as acceptable. Woolly hats and cotton sun hats are available with the school logo at Sam Dale's. Hats without the school logo are also acceptable.

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly named. Please also label your child's coat. This is often forgotten and coats tend to be amongst the most frequently lost items.

Throughout the pandemic, we have allowed children to wear trainers with their uniform so that they could easily engage in outdoor activities, including running around the trim trail. We are happy for children to continue wearing either school shoes or trainers on a daily basis. However, we ask that these are plain black and have Velcro fastenings where possible (unless your child is able to tie their own shoe laces). Footwear should be plain, waterproof and practical. No ankle or knee length boots please.

PE kit

During the last year, we have asked children to wear PE kit on PE days. We have found that this is really beneficial and saves so much time. This has been particularly advantageous for the younger children (changing often takes so long that time for physical exercise is seriously reduced). Therefore, we are proposing that



children continue to wear PE kit on PE days from September onwards. However, we again would like to raise expectations regarding the kit they wear.

Children should wear the following PE kit from September:-

- Plain t-shirt in their house colour or plain white (with or without logo)
- Navy or black plain shorts/skort, plain dark leggings or jogging bottoms (to wear over shorts if the weather is cold)
- Trainers – preferably with Velcro fastening for younger children (unless they can tie their own laces)
- School royal blue sweatshirt (plus a plain blue/grey/black hoodie to go over the top during cold weather)

Children will also need a pair of plain black pumps to keep in school (these are particularly useful for gymnastics lessons in the hall, and to provide alternative footwear if their outdoor shoes get very muddy). These need to be clearly named and preferably kept in a named drawstring bag.

Please avoid ‘fashion’ items of PE kit such as crop tops and brightly printed leggings. Football kits are also not acceptable for PE lessons in school.

Pre-loved uniform

Please note that our PTA are currently collecting used uniform to be reused and recycled. You can donate this by putting it in the large blue wheelie bin near the Middlewich Road gate on the main playground. Reused items can be purchased via the PTA – please contact the PTA at hcps.pta@gmail.com. The PTA are currently setting up a website and will send out further details as soon as they can.

Reminders about our uniform policy

- Please note that as part of our uniform policy, jewellery should not be worn in school. For safety reasons any earrings should be small studs and earrings should **not be worn** on PE days
- Please avoid extreme hair styles. Hair styles should look smart. Long hair should be tied back
- Any hairbands, ribbons and other hair accessories should be discreet and in school colours

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require any clarification about our uniform policy.

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Headteacher

