

Dear Parent/Carer

School Uniform Update

We are now three weeks into the session and I continue to receive highly complimentary comments from visitors to the school and members of the public on how smart and purposeful our pupils are looking. Thanks again for your support in making this happen. It's greatly appreciated and reflects how, as a community, we can all pull together to make positive things happen.

To reflect good practice, we have been monitoring the uniform since the start of session, taking onboard pupil, parents, parents' council and staff comments, as well as analysing our daily monitoring system. As a result of these, we are making a few minor adjustments to our school uniform to further help embed it into our positive school culture.



Shirts: Since the first day of term, there has been a significant rise in the number of S1 to S3 pupils wearing a white shirt and tie in preference to the polo shirt option. There has also been a groundswell of requests from S1 to S3 pupils asking to wear the black shirt as an option with the school tie. To reward these pupils for their enthusiasm and desire to be in uniform, S1 to S3 pupils now have the option to wear a white or black shirt with the school tie, in addition to the polo shirt option they have already.



Ties: Due to the high demand for school ties, a number of parents were intimating they had difficulty buying ties in the town. To help alleviate this barrier, we have a stock here in school, available from the main office at a cost of £3 each.

Shoes: Like the ties, a number of parents have indicated that they are having difficulty, at present, obtaining plain black shoes. To accommodate this difficulty and taking into account the financial outlay already involved, shoes that are predominantly black will be acceptable. However, I ask that when it comes time to replace these shoes, the plain black option is purchased.

Blazers: The blazer will remain as the main distinguishing feature of the Senior School (S4-S6) with it being optional for S4 and S5 and an expectation for S6. These can still be obtained from Buchan Embroidery, George Donald Warehouse, Justrite and School Wear Made Easy.



Winter Footwear: As the winter stock comes into stores and you begin looking for suitable black winter footwear for school, please can I remind you that footwear such as UGG boots, of any colour, are **not** part of our uniform, as they are made of soft materials, give insufficient protection and compromise Health & Safety.

Thanks again for your ongoing support in helping us on our “Journey to Excellence.”

Yours faithfully,

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