Our Ref: JPR/KWI

21<sup>st</sup> July 2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Uniform Policy – September 2021**

I write to inform you of an amendment to our uniform policy. This amendment will be in place from September 2021.

As many parents/carers may be aware, the Government is due to issue new legislation to schools in the autumn requiring all schools to ensure that their uniform represents good value.

It may be worth explaining that this does not mean that school's badged items or sole providers are not possible, it does however mean that schools should re tender for their chosen items on a five year basis to ensure that it isn't possible to provide the badged items at a cheaper price from elsewhere.

It is also worth noting that there is no requirement for schools to have amended their policies for this September.

However, in light of this upcoming change we have reviewed our current policy and have made the following alteration:

School skirts no longer have to be the badged skirts that are available from the school shop in the town centre.

Skirts may now be purchased from any outlet as long as they match the style we require.

Skirts must still be pleated and flared (as opposed to pencil or close fitting in style).

As always skirts must be of an appropriate length when worn correctly, 20" or 22" in length to ensure that the skirt reaches the knee.

We feel that this will now bring the skirt choice in line with the trouser choice in terms of variety of outlets and therefore price.

I am sure all parents/carers will support us when we say that we will continue to uphold the style of skirt robustly.

Skirts that differ in style to that outlined above are not acceptable and we will still require students to wear one of our school skirts should they attend school wearing incorrect uniform. Students refusing to change out of incorrect uniform will still be required to work in internal exclusion for the day.

Please see below for some photographs of skirts from well-known outlets that would fit with our policy.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Price Headteacher





## **Black All Round Pleated Skirt**



## **Black Box Pleat Skirt**

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