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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **School Uniform Reminder**

Since returning from the Christmas holiday, we have noticed a growing number of children coming to school without the correct school uniform. We spoke to all the children about this during an assembly this week, reminding them about our expectations. However, we recognise that you are the people who buy their uniform and, particularly with our younger children, decide what they wear to school each day. So, we are asking for your help.

We have attached the school's uniform statement, which has been in place since May 2018, to this letter, so please take some time to re-read this.

The particular areas we want to focus on are:

- Sweatshirts, jumpers and polo shirts which should all display the school logo.
- On non-PE days: sensible, supportive black shoes (not trainers).
- On PE days only: trainers (dark and as plain as possible, no fluorescent colours).
- Discrete headbands and hair accessories are acceptable, in the school colour of blue.
- We are also seeing a growing number of girls wearing leggings, which are not part of the school uniform and are often inappropriate.

School uniform can be bought online from our supplier Mapac, via the link on our website: https://www.factrust.org/mouniform

We do not insist that you buy your school uniform from Mapac. As long as it is in the correct school colours, you can buy your school uniform from wherever you want. We sell school badges at the office, for £1.25, which can be ironed or sewn onto clothes that do not already have the logo. We also sell second hand school uniform, in the office, for 50p per item.

After the half-term, we will be speaking to children who are not wearing the correct uniform. If a child repeatedly comes to school without the correct uniform (and for younger children) we will also contact parents and carers.

We understand that there are occasional, one-off, times when it is not possible to send a child to school in the correct uniform. But please, just talk to your child's class teacher about this, so that we can avoid the embarrassment or offence of having to contact you about it, for an explanation.

If you have any questions about, or difficulties with, school uniform please talk to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Guy Fairbairn Headteacher