



Monday 7 December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Uniform change

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share their feedback with us, regarding the proposed uniform change. Some parents have expressed their frustration with the lack of perceived consultation, however your comments have fed in to the proposal, and all voices and opinions have been heard.

It has been lovely to hear and read the positive comments some of you have shared with us, and we appreciate your support. However, some of you have asked for some further clarification, so I hope this letter will answer the queries for you.

Do I have to buy the new uniform immediately?

Definitely not. We do not want this to be an additional expense for parents. When new items of uniform are bought because they are no longer fit for purpose, the green uniform items can then be bought.

Can younger siblings wear family pre-loved blue uniform?

This is absolutely fine. There is no expectation for parents to have to buy the new uniform colour if they have the current blue still fit for purpose.

Will my child feel left out if they are not in green?

We are expecting the change over to green to take quite a while, which means many children will continue to wear blue. We will ensure all children feel part of the school, regardless of the colour sweater or cardigan they are wearing.

Can I buy non-logo items?

Some parents buy non-logo cardigans or jumpers, and this is fine. Local supermarkets and other retailers in Grantham supply green uniform items.

What happens to the pre-loved blue logo uniform?

We will continue to collect in blue pre-loved uniform, and will make links with an international charity to supply the uniform items to a school in a less developed area. It is important to promote the reduce, reuse, recycle initiative.

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Is the uniform change a financial initiative for the school?

No. We are not requesting parents to buy the new uniform immediately, and we do not benefit from the sales at MAPAC.

What happens with class photos?

We will continue to take class photos at the pre-arranged time of the year. Not all children will necessarily have the new uniform items, however this is not a problem. If only a few children are in blue, we can take the photos with just polo shirts, so the photo looks uniformed.

Will my child still receive a free item of uniform if they are eligible for Free School Meals?

Yes. This offer is available on an annual basis, and the usual application process is still in place.

Will my child be seen by road users now the colour is not as bright?

As with the current colour, the school coat and the book bag both have reflective strips on them as road safety features. We will supply every child with a free new book bag. We do however continue to promote everyday road safety awareness: holding hands with an adult to cross the road; looking both ways before crossing and wearing reflective clothing or items during darker evenings.

These questions cover all responses to date. I believe it is important to listen to all views, and I apologise if you feel you hadn't been given the opportunity to do so. I would like to thank the parents who sent opinions via email following the dojo post, and reassure you that all comments were read before the post was deleted. However, as Head Teacher, it is my role to make the final decision having considered all views and opinions. In deciding to propose this change, I wanted to be certain that parents would not be at a financial disadvantage. I hope you can see from the comments above, this is not the case. To clarify, pre-loved uniform can be worn by younger siblings and you only need to buy new uniform when the current items are no longer fit for purpose.

As previously mentioned I appreciate your support and suggestions. It has been lovely to hear how enthusiastic many of you are about the change. For those of you who are as excited about this as we are, you are welcome, if you wish, to buy the new colour uniform, which we hope to be available from January 2021. Any old blue uniform can be donated to school for the international charity donation.

Yours Sincerely

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