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Dear Parents and Carers

School Uniform Update

As the weather warms up, I am writing to inform you of some suggestions for summer term uniform.

We are happy for the children to wear either grey tailored school shorts or usual school trousers. (ASDA are now doing a nice girls' version of grey shorts online).

In particular for girls, the big shops, including ASDA are bringing out an increasing range of school clothes, some of which we feel are against the principle of a smart and practical school uniform and are actually heading down the 'fashion' line.

We are therefore suggesting that girls can wear a gingham red school dress, or again, ASDA are doing both gingham culottes, which would also be appropriate (as they are fairly long and full), or a dress with white polo top and gingham skirt.

Items we request that you **do not** send your child in are the all-in -one suit or the 'ra-ra dress' or similar.

A cap or hat is useful, and we also ask that you ensure that there is an old sweatshirt and joggers/ leggings in the PE bags, in case we need these for outdoor work.

Looking ahead to next year, and to give advance notice, can I remind all parents that school shoes should not be a trainer type.

We have had a discussion with children about uniform not being about fashion (for many reasons); for example, we talked about the fad of enormous 'jojo' hair bows, and the competition and stress to parents to buy, and this has been taken on board by the children. We also discussed the fashion of boys having most of their head shaved to a number 1 or 2 then a thick strip of floppy hair at the top, and that this might be something for the summer holidays, but not for school.

Although we have some flexibility over uniform, we know that parents and children value the uniform and its principles, and thank you for your support in this matter.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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