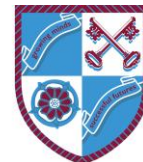


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Dear Parent/Carer

Changes to School Uniform, September 2019

I am writing to formally advise you of the change to Warblington School uniform that will be introduced from September 2019. This letter is to give you advance warning of this change and to ensure that, if you are buying items of school uniform between now and the start of the new academic year, you are aware of the new requirements.

The change is being introduced to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by students in the school and to ensure that we have a cost effective, smart uniform that is a representation of the high standards we uphold. We also listen carefully to our parents who have highlighted concerns over skirt lengths and tight trousers. It is a duty of the school to ensure our students are dressed appropriately and with dignity at all times.

We are aware of some student/parent voice feedback commenting that the ties do not 'match' the skirt. However, we are investigating the possibility of introducing a house system from 2020/21 and are looking to change the ties to identify which house the student belongs to. As a result, we are not changing the upper half of the uniform this year.

The predominant changes we are making are a pleated tartan school skirt for girls and standardised school trousers for both girls and boys. The trousers will have the Warblington School logo embroidered at the pocket and will be available in two styles for boys and two styles for girls – a classic cut and a slimmer leg cut. These trousers and the skirt will **only** be available to buy through Skoolkit.

We realise that there will be an increased cost for parents and are therefore willing to accept plain black blazers, which can be purchased cheaply for local suppliers (ie. Tesco, Asda), with our embroidered school badge sewn on. Badges will be available from the school during the last week of term at a cost of £2. School blazers will also be available to purchase on-line (pre-embroidered) at a cost of approx. £20.00 from "myclothing.com". Further information regarding this service will follow later this term.

Families on low income or experiencing financial hardship are welcome to contact the school to discuss payment options, including pre-paid uniform vouchers.



I have summarised below the changes that will be implemented:

- There will be **no change** this year to the upper half of the uniform. Shirts, ties and blazers remain the same.
- V-neck school jumpers, available from Skoolkit, remain an optional part of the uniform.
- 'Hoodies' or track suit tops are not permitted in school, either under or over blazers.
- All students will move fully into the new uniform in September 2019. There will be minor concessions for Year 11 students and these will be advised via a separate communication.
- We will introduce standardised school trousers, embossed with the school logo, which will be available only through Skoolkit in Havant.
- We will introduce a new school skirt which will be available only through Skoolkit in Havant. Black school skirts may no longer be worn as they will not form part of our uniform.

I hope the advance notice of this new requirement will enable you to plan your uniform purchases for the new academic year.

I have attached a price list from Skoolkit and would draw your attention to the 10% discount week that will be held in their Havant store from Saturday 6 July-Saturday 13 July. Please take along the attached price list to qualify for the discount.

Thank you for you all of your suggestions and feedback throughout this process as we work to make Warblington an excellent school in the local community.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Hartnell
Headteacher