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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Uniform Update - Burscough Priory Academy

Thank you for your patience with all matters uniform – this is a process that we started just after Christmas. After a full and thorough tender process and the pandemic interfering with the manufacture and supply of uniform, our recommended suppliers have contacted us to give us all the information about how uniform can be purchased in preparation for September 2021.

Ahead of the start of the new academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the Uniform and Standards Policy. We are very proud of the fact that our students wear their uniform with pride and attend school looking smart and ready to learn. Along with much of the information in the letter below, including images and prices, all of this information is summarised on the school's website: [BPA Website - Uniform & Appearance](#)

A reminder of our expectations:

- White shirt with top button fastened and shirt tails tucked into trousers/skirt
- Grey school trousers with school logo or grey skirt with school badge (skirts should be knee length)
- Navy blazer with school badge
- School tie (different version for Year 11)
- Grey V-necked school jumper with purple trim (optional)
- Plain, grey socks in the same grey as the trouser or skirt
- If wearing a skirt, socks should be long but no higher than the knee (no patterns or bows)
OR plain black tights (minimum 40 denier) can be worn
- Plain, black, smart, sturdy shoes

We would also appreciate your full support with regards to skirts, which should be **strictly knee length**. Please ensure that your child's skirt is of the correct length before they return to school in September and this means that if a skirt is mid knee at the start of the year, when a student grows, it will still meet the expectation moving through the year. For most students this should mean that a 22-inch drop skirt will be required. If you have any concerns about the length of skirt



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and the fit, we suggest you contact Monkhouse directly and/or make an appointment to see them. Please also inform us on the enquiries email to let us know.

In addition, **shoes should be plain, sturdy, smart and black.** Ballet style pumps and leather trainer type shoes are not suitable for school and do not meet our expectations. If you are unsure about a pair of shoes, please contact school and ask about their suitability so that we can make sure that money spent is on items that meet the appearance expectations.

One additional 'optional' item of PE kit has been added to the inventory and these are sports leggings. This was as a result of discussion with students, introduced with the aim to increase confidence, participation and performance for some students in PE and school sport.

Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists are the new suppliers of our uniform. They are a major retailer of school uniform, supplying both online and in person in their Crosby store. From **1 July**, next week, their website will be live for ordering and in person appointments can be booked from next week. Monkhouse have informed us that that the Covid-19 pandemic has severely impacted manufacturers and suppliers worldwide – however we have been reassured by the that they have a full inventory ready to supply our students and families. They have also suggested and stressed that to make sure that you get everything that you need, shopping in July and as early as possible is best.

Monkhouse have created a new Parent Guide which is available on their website at www.monkhouse.com/parentguide

The guide includes details of:

- School uniform and prices
- How to order online or in store
- How to book a personalised 1:1 store appointment
- Offers and promotions on essential and accessory items
- New click and collect options
- Everything you need for back to school
- Parent newsletter
- Late night shopping times
- Extended free returns until 11th September



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Should you have any queries about your requirements please contact Monkhouse's customer service team:

Tel: 0161 476 7216 - Monday to Friday - 8.30am to 5.00pm

Email: web@monkhouse.com

Needless to say, wherever possible for financial and reasons related to sustainability, where pre-loved uniform can be recycled or swapped, we would always encourage it. We do know that in Burscough, there is a thriving online marketplace where parents are trading items of uniform.

In line with guidance, we are in the process of phasing out branded products. As we move through this, most important and genuinely, we do not want anyone to ever worry about buying school uniform. If you do need any support with uniform costs for September, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org or call us at school and we can talk about this in confidence.

Yours faithfully,

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