



Chisenhale Primary School Bow



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Uniform Consultation

Thank you for responding to our uniform consultation. It was really interesting to read so many passionate responses.

As you know we also asked the children their views, and the staff had a chance to vote too.

The results of the vote were as follows:

Total percentage from the children **for** uniform 26% **against** uniform 74%

Total percentage from the parents **for** uniform 64% **against** uniform 36%

Total percentage from the staff **for** uniform 92% **against** uniform 8%

We are therefore going to re-instate uniform from September.

However, in order to be fair to the children, we will have a 'dress down' Friday, where every week on a Friday the children can choose to wear uniform or not.

We want to also be clear that uniform should not be uncomfortable, as this is something that was raised in the consultation.

We would also like to be clear that our uniform is in no way gender specific.

Our uniform is simple and in our view, children are better off in leggings or joggers rather than the 'school' trousers or skirts/dresses; and polo shirts rather than the more formal cotton, long sleeved shirt. This allows them to play more freely in the playground, sit more comfortably on the carpet and just generally be more at ease.

Also the wearing of trainers or pumps is far more practical in school.

Our uniform is:

white or navy polo top

navy blue jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts

navy blue jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt

navy blue skirt/pinafore or checked summer dress

practical shoes or trainers

Any child can wear anything from the list. Tops with the school logo on them are available to order from the office, but are not required.

We hope that parents on both sides of the fence, and those sitting on it, will support the school uniform policy.

Very best wishes

Sharon and the Chisenhale Team