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Dear Parent and Carers,

New Fairholme Primary School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has engaged with us in conversation and through our uniform survey online. We have welcomed the feedback received and are writing to confirm the **changes that we are making to our uniform policy from September 2024**. A brief summary follows below, and our full policy leaflet accompanies this letter with all the fine detail.

Daily Uniform	PE Uniform
Plain red round-neck sweatshirt or red cardigan (with or without the school logo).	Plain red round neck sweatshirt or red cardigan (with or without the school logo).
Plain white polo shirt with collar.	Plain red round-neck t-shirt.
Grey school trousers or grey school shorts. Grey school skirt or a grey pinafore dress.	Plain black jogging bottoms, plain black leggings or plain black loose shorts.
Red and white checked school summer dress (including culottes style).	Trainers or black plimsolls.
Plain grey, white or red socks or tights.	
Sensible, black, flat school shoes; in summer smart black or white sandals may also be worn.	
Plain black, grey, red or white hijabs, patkas or turbans.	
Simple hair bows and accessories should be black, grey, red or white.	
<u>Nursery children</u> are required to wear the plain red round-neck sweatshirt or red cardigan (with or without the school logo) and white polo shirt.	

The same uniform requirements regarding jewellery, watches and other items will continue as currently, and are detailed in our separate uniform leaflet.

Several families have asked for optional extras to be available, including red fleeces and hats, and we will be able to add these to our uniform in due course as additional options, but are starting with the simple requirements first. We have also given consideration to feedback about cost, cleanliness and robustness of uniform - the 'wear and tear' of daily school life, balancing cost alongside quality. Following feedback from families and discussions with Governors, we have ensured the clothing requirements are available in fittings which are suitable for children with SEN and is in line with the uniform requirements in many other Hounslow schools.

We have been pleased to hear that many families feel the new uniform policy is simpler and easy to understand, is affordable, is practical for school life whilst also being smart, and will be easy to obtain. It is important to us that our children come to school ready to learn, and have high expectations about being smart and belonging to our school, shown through the uniform clothing that they wear.

Our new uniform policy will come into effect **from 1st September 2024**. We anticipate a transition period of one term, September-December 2024, and **from January 2025 all children will be expected to wear the new uniform**. We do not expect you to buy new uniform immediately. Instead, when you need to buy new uniform, you should buy items that comply with the updated policy. **If your child wishes to start wearing the new school uniform during this summer term, they are very welcome to do so.**

During the summer term, we will start selling our new branded sweatshirts and cardigans from the school office (we expect these to cost £10.00-£11.00), along with branded bookbags. We will notify families when these are available. Non-branded, plain versions of these items are also included in our uniform policy and are readily available in high street shops and supermarkets.

We have taken into account feedback about cost considerations associated with a change in uniform and will therefore be writing to all families during the summer term to offer a brand-new red sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo free for any child that would like one. As we do now, we will continue to offer advice and support for families who may find uniform difficult to afford financially – please do come and talk to one of the senior leadership team about this, as we will be able to help work things out.

We have appreciated the support and effort that families have made this year to ensure our children come to school in the correct uniform, and we are looking forward to continuing to work together to ensure our children are smart, proud and have high expectations about presentation and participation in the life of our school. We would like to thank you for your support in understanding the changes we are making. As always, staff are available in our playgrounds at the beginning and end of the school day, so please do come and talk to us about uniform.

Kind regards

Mrs Gemma Harris (Headteacher) & the Fairholme Staff Team

