

J/Staff/SLT/BR/jca

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Dear parents/carers

Re: Change to Hollingworth uniform

On our return in September 2023 the style of skirt pupils will be required to wear is changing. We are moving from straight 'A Line' style skirts to plain black skirts with a permanent pleat (knee length). See pictures for reference.



The reason for the change is because our current skirt style allows for some ambiguity. Some suppliers stock this kind of skirt in a stretchy figure-hugging fabric. We want all our pupils to look professional and uphold the standards outlined in our policy and so we feel that the change will remove any subjectivity. We have trialled supporting pupils to source the correct skirt, in the correct style, length and fabric but we are still experiencing issues across all year groups.

We ask for our skirts to be knee length and not figure hugging because Hollingworth Academy is a professional environment where we aim to avoid any peer pressure from exterior factors such as fashion. Some schools have enforced a 'trousers only' policy and this is something we are keen to avoid but it will take a strong and consistent partnership between staff, parents/carers and pupils alike to uphold the expectations outlined in this letter.

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I have included links to several suppliers below:

M&S (£9-£14 per skirt)

https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-adaptive-skirt/p/clp60104235#intid=plpnav_pid_pg1pip10g4r2c3

Asda George (£8-£14 pack of two)

<https://direct.asda.com/george/school/girls-school-skirts/girls-black-permanent-pleats-school-skirt-2-pack/GEM984932,default,pd.html?cgid=D10M2G1C10>

Sainsburys (£7 per skirt)

<https://tuclouthing.sainsburys.co.uk/product/tuc133618040?clickOrigin=colourSwatch>

Matalan (£8-£9 per skirt)

<https://www.matalan.co.uk/childrens-clothing/girls-black-pleated-school-skirt-8-16yrs/14304715.html>

When purchasing a new skirt for our September start, please contact us if there is any confusion around styles. Please do not rely on the word of local uniform shops, as parents have reported that their advice has been misleading on occasion. We are your first point of contact for clarification. We would advise that you buy a skirt towards the end of the summer holidays to allow for any growth in height to ensure that pupils have a skirt that is knee length on our return in September.

If anyone has any financial difficulty, please inform your child's head of year before our return in September and we can work together to find a solution.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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