



Dear Parents and Carers,

Uniform Changes in September 2026

Following the parental consultation held in February 2026, the school has decided to introduce **black straight-leg trousers** and **black pleated skirts** as part of the school uniform from **September 2026**.

These changes ensure that our uniform complies with the Department for Education (DfE) guidance, which recommends that schools keep the number of compulsory branded uniform items to no more than four. The updated uniform also aims to provide families with greater flexibility and choice when purchasing school uniform, while maintaining the high standards of appearance that we expect from our students. We would like to thank all parents and carers who took the time to share their views during the consultation process.

Grey trousers and skirts will continue to be allowed and will be phased out during a transition period, during which students may continue to wear existing items until they need replacing.

Black trousers and skirts are:

- Widely available in supermarkets, high-street shops and online
- Offered at a range of prices
- Available in multipacks, which significantly reduces cost
- Easier to replace quickly and cheaply when needed

This ensures that every family—regardless of budget—can access uniform that meets expectations without financial strain.

Moving forwards, the uniform rules will be as follows:

- Black trousers should be **straight**, not tight, and not excessively wide.
- Black skirts should be **pleated, of decent length (no more than one inch above the knee)**, and not rolled up.
- Skirts that are too short or trousers that are too tight/wide will not be allowed in school.

We understand that families have already invested in uniform. For this reason:

- Grey trousers and skirts may continue to be worn until they need replacing in Years 8-11
- Year 7 students joining in September 2026 will start with the new uniform
- Second-hand uniform will continue to be available
- We will provide clear guidance and support throughout the transition

We remain committed to ensuring that our uniform reflects the high standards, pride and identity of our school, while also being fair and accessible to every family.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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