



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Following consultation with senior staff and our school council, we would like to share with you our intentions regarding some changes to school uniform.

The new uniform rules will apply to the new **Year 7 intake** in **September 2020** and will be compulsory for this cohort.

However, for current **Years 7 to 10**, we understand that you may have purchased uniform items with the expectation of them lasting longer than a year. Therefore, we ask that when you purchase replacement uniform items, you purchase the new items, (once available) specified by the school from our suppliers to ensure that our standards are maintained.

We expect that non-standard skirts would be phased out by September 2021 at the latest. After this date we will insist on the correct style being worn by all girls.

Our reason for introducing the new skirt is that the current skirts vary in many ways, including style, shade, length and quality of fabric. As a school we want to maintain our high standards and we feel, at the moment, the girls' skirts have detracted from this standard.

September 2020: New Uniform Items for Y7 Intake / Replacement Items to Existing Uniform:-

- All pupils will be have the option to wear a new grey school jumper with school badge especially during the winter months. This an attempt to reduce the number of pupils wearing non uniform hoodies / sweatshirts.
- Girls will be required to wear grey knee length socks, or grey opaque tights.
- Girls will wear a new style, knee length grey skirt with two inverted pleats (front and back) which is only available from one of our uniform suppliers. This is attempt to ensure that skirts are of an appropriate length.
- Girls will also have the option to wear grey trousers. However, these **MUST** be purchased from one of suppliers and **MUST** be the specified style with the school initials on the waist. No other styles will be allowed.
- All pupils will continue to wear a tie and the design of the ties will remain the same (including prefects and senior prefects).
- All pupils will continue to wear the 'new – style' blazer, (Introduced 2 years ago) which is slightly more fitted, more contemporary and more flattering for various figures.
- Boys will continue to wear standard plain black trousers (no fashion / drain pipes / jeans style)

Example of new girls' skirt, jumper and socks



Example of girls' trousers



Please feel free to discuss individual circumstances with me if you envisage any problems in the future. You can do this by emailing: PLennon@arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A Morgan (Mrs)
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