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Dear parents and families,

I would like to extend my thanks to those members of our school community who have engaged in the recent opportunity to express a preference around some proposed changes to our school uniform.

We encourage our students to know their rights and their responsibilities in the world and our core value of respect has been a fundamental driver for us beginning our consultation process in this way. We are a school community and we are seeking to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to share their voice within it.

The core purpose of the consultation process remains for a cohort of our students who are feeling peer pressure in school and travelling to and from school to wear the uniforms in ways they are not intended to be worn. We have listened to the feedback points querying why we are not simply sanctioning those who do not wear their uniforms correctly and remain clear that we have a Ready Respect Safe policy in place to allow us to do so. Our consultation is seeking to take us beyond this and to recognise that the pressure does not exist within our school campuses alone.

We know that uniform for every school can be a contentious issue and we are keen to ensure our students are at the heart of any decisions we may make in the future. At this stage in the year we have sought to propose options that would not impact on any uniform already purchased or add any additional branded items. However we have welcomed hearing alternative suggestions put forward by a number of our students and are keen to explore these suggestions fully. We will therefore be moving into the new academic year with a complete consultation process to allow appropriate time for considerations and for our new cohort of students joining us as our new Year 7 to be involved.

For September 2025, therefore, our school uniform will remain as it is currently published.

We welcome your support in encouraging your child to wear their uniform as it is intended and in supporting our application of the Ready Respect Safe policy for those who do not.

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Dates of our parent consultation evenings will be published as ever on our school calendar on the website with our first scheduled event on Monday 6th October 2025 and we invite parents to attend to share their views. We look forward to working with you and your child to ensure all students feel equally comfortable, empowered and can demonstrate pride in their uniform.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs A Fowler