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Dear Parents

RE: School Uniform

In recent weeks, it has been noted that there are a growing number of variations appearing in the standard school uniform including black jumpers and cardigans that do not carry the school logo.

In relation to footwear, the uniform policy (which is available on the school website) shows the types of footwear that are acceptable and those which are not, so please consult this policy before purchasing all future school shoes. Boots of any description are not permitted.

From Year 1 upwards, the school tie is a compulsory part of the school uniform and these can be purchased from the school office.

A number of variations have also been seen in PE kit. The school's PE kit consists of a plain navy jumper and jogging bottoms along with plain navy shorts and a white T-shirt. When the Valley school uniform was standardised back in 2013, the decision was made not to carry the school logo on any item of PE kit in order to keep costs to a minimum and to allow parents to purchase these items from a wider variety of suppliers. Please see the links below where PE kit can be purchased in addition to Graduates uniform shop in Orpington.

1. **Asda:** <https://direct.asda.com/george/kids/joggers/navy-joggers/GEM652103.default.pd.html?cgid=D25M1G>
2. **Marks & Spencer:** https://www.marksandspencer.com/unisex-cotton-rich-sweatshirt-with-staynew/p/p22456567?image=SD_04_T76_1810_B0_X_EC_90&color=RED&prevPage=plp
3. **Sainsbury's:** <https://tuclothing.sainsburys.co.uk/c/kids/boys-school-sportswear-and-pe-kit?INITD=GNav-SchoolBoys-Sportswear>

There is also a selection of very good quality second hand school uniform which can be purchased at school by speaking to a member of the Admin Team. For families who have registered for Free School Meals, the school have assisted with the purchasing of certain items of school uniform. Please use the following link to see if you qualify for Free School Meals: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Finally, you will have seen in my recent newsletter the amount of unnamed uniform and PE kit that gathers at school on a regular basis. Over the half-term break, I kindly ask that all items of school clothing (including coats, hats and scarves) are all named and this can be as simple as writing your child's initials and class on a clothing label in permanent pen. Valley does not have the space to store all the unnamed lost property and this is now sent for recycling on a fortnightly basis. All named items of clothing that are found in the two lost property bins are returned to the relevant classrooms. If you would prefer to label your child's uniform with manufactured labels, these can be ordered from Graduates or by using the following link: <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Valley Primary School PTA have promoted this company in the past and have a school number that can be used to earn 15% commission on any order by entering 24289 into the school fundraising box on the order form.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Jackson
Head Teacher