



21st May 2021

Dear Parents,

Update for September 2021

We wrote to all parents in the Spring term to provide an update about the current status regarding school uniform. The purpose of this letter is to provide details regarding the purchase of school uniform in preparation for September 2021.

Update on school status

As outlined in previous parental updates, we are still a Local Authority maintained school but one working in very close partnership with Endeavour Learning Trust. Whilst the pandemic has unsurprisingly pushed back our plans, we are still hopeful of gaining academy status and officially joining the Trust at some point in the near future. However, we have continued our preparations by gaining governor agreement to change our name at a recent meeting. We are delighted to confirm that we will become Wellfield Academy which now means we can begin preparations to update signage around the school site and prepare for September 2021. A reminder that this means there will be no change to the current school uniform during the summer term.

There are, however, some minor uniform changes from September which include a change to our proposed badge. Our previous new badge was designed around 12 months ago and, as time has passed, we have continued to work with the design company to make this more vibrant. These are all detailed below.



Our uniform supplier changed from Delta Wool to Monkhouse during the Spring term and the products provided are slightly different. This has given us a chance to work with them to ensure the uniform provided from September is broadly in line with what has been previously provided. However, it has also given us the opportunity to make some minor changes which, we feel, will provide high quality and cost effective uniform that is firmly in line with our uniform policy.

Uniform changes and updates for September 2021

- **Blazers:** the blazers will include the new school badge and remain black but will be sold in future without the red trimming. A new blazer will be provided and paid for by us as a school. Any current blazers that are currently in condition we would ask they are brought into school in September for us to donate to charity.
- **Ties:** as shown above and previously planned, we will provide two new school ties to all students free of charge.
- **Jumpers:** the school jumper remains an optional component of the uniform although it will now change to grey. Should parents wish for your son/daughter to wear a jumper, these will now be branded and should only be bought via our supplier.
- **Skirts:** we have faced regular challenges with enforcing our knee length skirt policy in part due to the type of skirt previously available. This is one of the reasons why we have change the style of skirt meaning, from September, all students choosing to wear a skirt must purchase a wide pleated knee length skirt. Branded skirts will be available through our new supplier (see below) who will also provide suggested skirt sizes through their new website when launched in May. We are also looking to facilitate this in school during the next half term so we can advise all parents on the appropriate skirt length thus ensuring all students start the next academic year with skirts that are the appropriate length (reaching the top of the kneecap). Parents have the option of purchasing the skirts elsewhere or via our **supplier as long as they are the appropriate length.**



- **PE kit:** Again, a transitional phase will be allowed as we would not want parents to waste money when the current kit may well still fit your son/daughter come September. The branded PE shirt will change from a polo to round neck, with black socks and branded shorts/skorts. Plain black alternative shorts will also continue to be accepted. The main change will see students allowed to wear leggings from September as we have had many students requesting to wear these over recent months. It must be stressed at this stage that the only leggings accepted for lessons will be those purchased through the uniform supplier and, whilst unbranded, they have a distinctive trimming which will allow the PE department to identify whether these are in line with our policy and expectations. An optional ¼ zip training top will continue to be available to purchase.
- **Shoes:** there are a number of students who are still attending school wearing footwear that is not in line with our policy. The footwear should be black, sturdy shoes and we advise that parents are careful when purchasing footwear from supermarkets as these are often not in line with school policy. If unsure, please check with us so you do not waste any money.

Uniform prices for September 2021

One of our main priorities when sourcing a new supplier and making any changes to the uniform is to ensure the cost remains low to our parents. Whilst some of the new products are slightly higher in cost than those provided previously, the table below roughly outlines the comparative costs for the uniform.

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We have always been committed to supporting our families and we appreciate that the pandemic may have also created further financial challenges. If purchasing uniform is an issue for any parent, please contact us (enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk) so we can look at how we may be able to help. We do not want any parent to struggle and have tried hard to make the uniform offer as cost effective as we possibly can. For example, school jumpers remain optional and PE shorts and skorts can be purchased elsewhere and unbranded, should you wish but please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help in any way.

Suggested Product 2021	SELLING PRICE (NON VAT)	Comparative Product 2020	SELLING PRICE (NON VAT)
Banner Ziggy Blazer with Logo	£27.00	Trimmed Blazer with Logo	£30.00
Banner 50/50 V Neck Jumper with Logo	£16.00	V Neck Jumper	£15.75
Black Designer Pleated Skirt with Logo	£18.00	Black Kilt Skirt	£11.75
Aptus Essentials Training T with logo	£10.50	Sports Polo with Logo	£13.25
Aptus Essentials Training Shorts with logo	£8.95	PE Short	£8.50
Aptus Essentials Skort with logo	£13.50	PE Skort	£12.90
Aptus Essentials Leggings	£14.75	Aptus Essentials Leggings	£14.75
Aptus Essentials 1/4 Zip Training Top with Logo	£15.00	Aptus Essentials 1/4 Zip Training Top with Logo	£19.00
Total	£123.70	Total	£125.90

I hope this provides some clarity about our uniform plans for September 2021. In the near future we will provide an update to you on where and how you can purchase the uniform. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis

Head of School