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ALL SAINTS RC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you to everyone who has contacted the school regarding the uniform consultation. Twenty five families responded to the two week formal consultation period, however we also took note of the views of those who attended the parent's forum in February. At this meeting, potential changes to uniform were discussed and sample garments were made available for parents to view.

Taking into account the views of all stakeholders, the governors have made the decision to introduce the proposed uniform changes from September 2019.

These changes will initially only affect the new Year 7 (those students who are due to start at All Saints in September 2019) and the new Year 10 (currently Year 9). The rationale behind a phased approach is to support families who have recently purchased new uniform from having to replace uniform for all their children at All Saints. If your child is in a different year group, it is also acceptable for them to wear the new uniform from September, if you wish.

As students grow out of jumpers and skirts, we would ask that you purchase the new garments. In this way the whole school will be wearing the new style of uniform by September 2020.

The chosen blazer supplier has the best quality product and the 'smart' extendable sleeves should increase the lifespan of the garment, making it more cost effective in the long term.

We will introduce the new style of skirt which includes a tunnel adjuster in the waistband and again we believe that this design will be practical and hard wearing. Skirts are a good option as they are not as affected by the growing child.

All students will still be able to wear trousers from supermarkets and department stores, however, we will be enforcing strict rules about the style of trouser and only tailored trousers will be permitted. Students will not be permitted to wear jeggings, jeans or any other tight or cropped style.

Jumpers will now be an optional extra, and our uniform supplier 'School Colours' will also supply a sleeveless jumper for those who like additional warmth.

Details regarding costs can be found on the next page and purchases will be via ParentPay.

School Colours will be visiting school on Friday 17 May where the current Year 7 will be measured for uniform. This is so that our suppliers can plan effectively for implementation and gain an idea of the likely sizes the school will need to purchase for our new intake. (If you **do not** want your son/daughter



Compassion



Truth



Respect



Forgiveness



Justice



Service



Gentleness



Humility



Stewardship

to be measured, or try on a blazer, please can you write a note in their planner saying that you **do not** give permission). Year 9 will also be measured for sizes at a later date.

The changes we are making are simply to ensure that every student is smart and proud to wear the All Saints uniform.

Thank you again for your responses and I look forward to working with you and your Children over the coming term.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Keelan-Beardsley
HEAD TEACHER

So that our suppliers can plan efficiently for the implementation of our new uniform, they will need to have a realistic idea of the sizes of our Year 7 students. Therefore, they will be in school on Friday 17 May in order to measure pupils as a guide only.

Product	Inc VAT
Blazer Under 40	£35.50
Blazer 40 Plus	£42.00
Skirt Under 28	£24.00
Skirt 28 Plus	£27.50
Tie	£5.00
Slipover 28-30 (Optional)	£13.00
Slipover 32-38 (Optional)	£16.00
Slipover 40 Plus (Optional)	£23.00

The company have advised that parents should only buy one blazer, as they can be washed and hung up and will dry very quickly. They have also suggested that one skirt is also sufficient as these also wash and dry quickly. Neither garment **should be** tumble-dried and the blazer **does not** require ironing.

VAT is chargeable on Blazers over 40" and skirts with a waist of 28" hence, the price increase. The slipover is an optional garment.

We have tried to keep costs to a minimum and are trialling an in house purchasing system using ParentPay.

Should the cost of the garments be an issue for your family, please contact the school confidentially, we have made provision to be able to support families, as we do not want the cost to be prohibitive.