



10th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Uniform Changes

Having reviewed our Uniform Policy I am writing to inform you of the following adjustments to our rules regarding uniform.

We do not often make changes to our uniform expectations and have ensured that these changes do not cause any significant additional cost to parents and that adequate time is given to phase in the following changes.

From **Monday 24th February 2020** the following uniform rules will be applied at the school.

The following rules will apply to students who wear school trousers:

- **White or light coloured** socks **MUST NOT** be worn with school uniform (with the exception of PE and sports activity).

The following rules apply to students who wear a school skirt:

WINTER - (September – May)

- **Black/dark** coloured, full length tights **MUST** be worn (*minimum 100 denier*)

SUMMER - (May- July)

- **Black**, short, ankle-length socks **CAN** be worn with the school skirt (*tights can also be worn in the summer*).

Knee high socks MUST NOT be worn with school skirts.

Online retailers/costs:

Marks & Spencer sell 3 pairs of suitable tights at £6.00

https://www.marksandspencer.com/3-pairs-of-school-tights-2-14-years-/p/clp22226321?extid=ps_ps-pla_ggl_kw_ch_-_UK_-_-_-&gclsrc=aw.ds&&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI7Zew2Zr25gIViLPtCh35AA26EAQYAiABEgLDWPD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

Asda sell a 5 pack for £9.00

<https://direct.asda.com/george/kids/girls-underwear-socks-tights/girls-black-super-soft-school-tights-5-pack/GEM703981,default,pd.html?cgid=D25M2G1C9>

Similar products are also available online and in store from Primark, Matalan and Amazon.

The reasons for these changes are to ensure our uniform matches what would be “normal” or “standard” in a uniformed or dress coded profession or workplace.

We feel that white socks with trousers and knee high socks with skirts are not usually worn by adults when wearing suits or smart dress and therefore our policy requires an update. Tights and dark coloured socks are widely accepted as being a standard of smart dress. We also believe that tights are a more practical and appropriate accompaniment to the skirt in a school environment.

Whilst we are confident that this is a low cost change we are fully committed to supporting parents who are experiencing financial hardship and those who may find cost a barrier to supporting us with these changes. If you would like to discuss what support the school can offer to help with uniform costs, please contact myself or the school finance department to get more information on the help we can offer and how to access our hardship fund.

I hope you find the time given to make these changes to be reasonable. I am sure many parents will make these changes before the half term break; the rule will be strictly enforced in full, in the same way as our wider uniform policy, from **24th February 2020**.

If you have any concerns or questions about these changes I am happy to speak to parents via email, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Cater
Headteacher