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15th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware we held a Headteacher’s surgery last term to talk about the affordability of our school uniform. The information shared in that meeting showed that Colton Hills Community School has the second most expensive uniform in the city with a vast amount of specialist items that must be purchased from specific suppliers. The government has asked all schools to reduce the amount of specialist items to ensure that uniform can be purchased at a variety of suppliers.

We will now be holding a uniform consultation with suppliers, students, staff and families.

This consultation will run until 19th February 2024 and our new uniform policy for September 2024 will be a transition year if there are any changes to take place.

If there are significant changes that are a result of the survey these will commence in September 2025.

If you would like to participate in our uniform consultation, please complete the survey by clicking on the link below by 9:00 am Monday 19th February 2024.

UNIFORM CONSULTATION SURVEY

We recognised that families currently purchase significantly more uniform because of our current policy of wearing PE kit on PE and Performing Art lesson days. As of **September 2024**, students will be required to wear their normal school uniform every day and bring PE kit to change if they have PE or dance lessons. We are mentioning this early so that families can budget accordingly.

2024/25 potential transition year arrangements.

EVERYDAY UNIFORM	
Blazer with school logo – compulsory item This should be worn at all times around school.	Can be purchased from our school uniform provider.
Tie with school logo – compulsory item This should be worn at all times around school	Can be purchased from our school uniform provider.
Trousers with school logo or school skirt – compulsory item	Can be purchased from our school uniform provider.
Plain white shirt – compulsory item	These can be purchased from any supplier as long as they button up fully to the neck and can tuck into skirt / trousers.
<i>Jumper with school logo – optional item</i>	<i>This is optional and cannot replace a blazer.</i> Hoodies and sweatshirts are not a suitable alternative. Can be purchased from our school uniform provider.



PE KIT TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL FOR PE AND DANCE LESSONS

Black polo shirt in house colour with school logo – compulsory item	Can be purchased from our school uniform provider.
Black shorts with school logo OR Black leggings with school logo OR Black tracksuit bottoms with school logo	Can be purchased from our school uniform provider. Students must have one of these items.
<i>Black base layer – optional item</i>	
<i>Black mid layer with school logo – optional item</i>	<i>Can be purchased from our school uniform provider.</i>

We hope that the 2024 suggestion will mean that the everyday uniform will be value for money being worn daily and that the reduction in the amount of PE / Dance kit will reduce the cost for families.

We will be sharing the outcome of the consultation with governors in our April meeting with a view to sharing our proposals for September 2025 with the school community before the end of this academic year.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider our proposals and as I said in an earlier letter we do not wish to change our uniform, merely ensure that it is value for money.

Yours sincerely,

Ms J Hunter
Headteacher