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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the academic year, you may find that your daughter has outgrown some or all of her school uniform. While replacement items may not be needed immediately, we appreciate that many families will be planning ahead for September.

In line with current government guidance on school uniform affordability, the only items we have decided that are required to be school branded are the school jumper, skirt/trousers, and PE top. If you wish, gingham blouses may be purchased from other retailers rather than through the school uniform supplier.

PE Kit

We would also like to clarify our expectations regarding PE kit. Recently, there have been some concerns about the standard of PE kit and, in particular, the types of jogging bottoms and shorts that some students have been wearing. To avoid any confusion, we have attached photographs showing examples of PE clothing that is acceptable under the school's uniform policy.

Families are, of course, welcome to purchase all PE kit items from Danielles if they wish. However, the below guidance shows alternative items that meet our school requirements and may be purchased from other retailers. We hope this helps families make informed choices while ensuring that all students arrive at school dressed appropriately and in accordance with our uniform expectations.

PE TOP

The PE top (as shown below) **must be** purchased from Danielle's



It is your choice if you decide to purchase either the hoodie and/or track top from Danielle's.



P.E shorts

Your daughter may continue to wear the shorts purchased from Danielles if they still fit. If she has outgrown them, you may choose to purchase a replacement pair from Danielles (see images below).



Two options from Danielle's

Alternatively, you can purchase plain navy-blue shorts from a retailer of your choice. To ensure consistency with our PE uniform expectations, any shorts purchased elsewhere must be in the style below and must be plain navy blue, with no logos or branding.



Shadow striped shorts that can be purchased from any shop.

P.E bottoms

PE jogging bottoms may be purchased from Danielles, as shown in the images below. However, families may choose to purchase jogging bottoms from another retailer.

Any jogging bottoms bought elsewhere must be plain navy blue, unbranded, and similar in style to those shown. The white piping featured on the Danielles version is not required.

Leggings may also be worn for PE and should be plain navy blue and unbranded.



PE socks

Socks can be branded and plain black or white

School rules still apply for the below:

Skirts are on the knee or below the knee.

Coats are to be one colour. Denim, leather, and jean coats are not allowed

Hoodies (unless the school hoodie worn on a PE day) and zip up hoodies are not allowed

Socks are plain navy blue, black or white (no trainer socks) from any supplier, no logos on the socks with the school uniform. White branded socks can be worn with the P.E kit,

Only 1 pair of stud earrings (no larger than 3mm) in the ear lobe are allowed for school. Any additional piercings will be asked to be removed in school, and a sanction will be given. Applying tape to additional piercings is not allowed.

False eyelashes are not to be worn to school.

The wearing of false nails or nail extensions are not allowed in school.

Nail varnish is not to be worn to school.

Sensible black low-heeled shoes should be worn. Boots are not allowed and if you are unsure, please contact the school for clarity. Trainers are not to be worn, and temporary shoes will be issued whilst in school.

Hair is of a natural colour. Brightly coloured braids in the hair are not allowed. Hair cannot be of two contrasting colours, e.g. black & blonde; black & red; blonde & blue, etc. (Please tell child to see the display board of the 'Hair Chart' outside E14).

Any clips worn in the hair must be black or navy.

No big bows are allowed to be worn

Hijabs are to be plain and must be black or navy blue

Pimple patches must be clear. No shapes, colours or brands are allowed.

Earphones are not to be worn and must be kept in bags/lockers. They cannot be worn until outside the school building.

Our behaviour policy will be followed if uniform rules are not adhered to.

A full list of uniform rules can be found in your child's school booklet and on the website. A uniform check will happen when students return to school in September by the Head of Year and the Senior Leadership Team. If there are any issues with regards to uniform, please contact the relevant Head of Year during the summer or autumn term so that any concerns can be resolved. Furthermore, our PTFA will be running pre-loved uniform sales throughout the year, further information will be sent out at a later date.

We would also like to remind you about the importance of attendance and punctuality. As you are aware one late to school results in a detention that break time and this will continue next academic year. Many parents ring in to explain why their child is late, however reasons such as missing the bus or train will not be accepted and a break time detention will still be issued. Being punctual is an important life skill and it is one we want all the students at St Bernard's to fully embrace.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

The Pastoral Team