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SCHOOL UNIFORM AT HIMBLETON

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all those who provided feedback through the survey relating to our school uniform that was circulated last term. Your views on this matter are important and have provided a basis for discussion by the relevant committee of our governing body. Responses show that this is a highly emotive subject, with a wide range of viewpoints that vary significantly. We appreciate your honesty and openness in your responses.

As a school, we believe that the sense of belonging and identity that school uniform promotes is of fundamental importance. There is no intention to change this approach.

The issue of our school uniform has been on the agenda for governors for over a year. This is due to government requirements relating to cost and equality rights. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>. The role of the governing body committee is to take parent/carer views on board, whilst also ensuring that all requirements are met. Particular regard must be paid to the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998.

Results from the survey showed that the majority of families feel that the school tartan is an important part of our identity and this has been the case for a significant period of time. Most believe that the pre-loved uniform stock provided by the Friends provides a cost-effective option and many also stated that the quality of these items leads to them lasting well. The committee are in agreement with this and have decided that the tartan will remain.

In line with the requirements of the Acts stated above, the most significant change is that there will no longer be gender specific uniform lists; this means that any child may wear any item from the uniform list. The summer uniform list is provided overleaf as a reminder – there are no changes to the items. A point to note is that caps with the school logo will be optional in consideration of cost per wear, however all children must have a sun hat available to wear in school.

In consideration of cost, logo items will not be a specific requirement for PE uniform. They will remain an option, but cheaper red crew neck T-shirts and sweatshirts may be worn as an alternative. Children will continue to be asked to wear PE kits to school on PE days, as this maximises learning time, and therefore trainers rather than plimsolls are a requirement to ensure appropriate support. In addition, a range of shorts and joggers are currently being worn on PE days – to clarify, these should be navy and made of a jogger/jersey material. Navy socks should also be worn with PE uniform.

The optional fleece with the school logo will no longer be available as an option to purchase as this is an additional expense for an item that is not often required. Those that already have a fleece may continue to use them.

Views regarding winter uniform were very mixed, particularly in relation to shirts and ties. Therefore, as a committee we feel that it is necessary to seek further feedback in relation to specific questions before finalising a decision on this. Please complete the attached slip and return it to school by Friday 28th April.

As always, thank you for your engagement and support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin

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Name of Child (optional):

Year Group of Child:

Please stick the statement that you feel is most appropriate:

- Children in all year groups should continue to wear a shirt and tie as part of the winter uniform.
- Children in all year groups should wear a polo shirt instead of a shirt and tie as part of the winter uniform.
- Children in younger year groups should wear a polo shirt instead of a shirt and tie as part of their winter uniform and children in older year groups should continue to wear a shirt and tie.

Himbleton Summer Uniform Items

- Royal blue jumper with school logo
- Royal blue cardigan with school logo
- Royal blue polo shirt with school logo
 - Grey shorts (with grey socks)
- Red and white gingham dress (with white socks)
 - Black shoes
- School cap with school logo – **optional** (sun hat must be provided)

Himbleton PE Uniform Items

- Red crew neck t-shirt with school logo **OR** red crew neck t-shirt (no logo)
 - Navy shorts (jersey/jogger material) (Summer)
 - Navy joggers (Winter)
- Red crew neck sweatshirt with school logo **OR** red crew neck sweatshirt (no logo) (Winter)
 - Navy socks
 - Trainers