

# Outcome of the School Uniform Consultation

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Dear parent/carer,

It is with great pleasure that I am emailing you today with the outcomes of our school uniform consultation.

Firstly, however I would like to begin with a word of thanks to all the parents and staff who took the time to contribute to the recent consultation regarding school uniform. Our school uniform plays an important role in instilling pride and belonging, helping to build a sense of community within our school and creating an identity for our school within the community and so it was really important to us to gather opinions from across the school which I am happy to say we did. These survey results were then reviewed by a uniform focus group comprised of parents from both streams and key members of staff, who also looked at the research carried out by the Admin Team on different school uniform suppliers to come up with a proposal which was then presented to the governing body at the start of July.

## **Final Outcome**

It is the finding of the Governing Body that our current uniform supplier, Gooddies, remains the best option for Shaftesbury Park Primary School, offering high quality and long-lasting uniform at a reasonable cost. As a Rights Respecting School, we are also proud to continue to partner with this family-owned business with its high eco and ethical standards (please see attached document). Following the results of the parent survey and findings of the uniform focus group, we have however agreed to the following changes to the Shaftesbury Park Primary School uniform:

### *1. Additional fabric options to be made available for the polo shirts and sweatshirts/cardigans*

Offering parents a wider choice when it comes to the materials for polo shirts, cardigans and sweatshirts etc. is one way in which it may be possible for families to reduce the cost of school uniforms, allowing them to choose slightly cheaper uniform items within their budget whilst also ensuring that those who wish to purchase the slightly costlier poly cotton blends due to medical conditions such as eczema and psoriasis may continue to do so.

### *2. Additional long-sleeved polo shirt to be made available*

Following feedback from parents, we will shortly be introducing a long-sleeved polo shirt, meaning that those pupils who would prefer to have their forearms covered, whether that be for religious/cultural reasons or out of personal choice, may do so without the need to wear an undershirt or jumper.

### *3. Change in the colour of the PE t-shirt to navy-blue*

In order to reduce the need for separate colour washes (thereby reducing water and energy usage) and to ensure that pupils look as smart in their PE kits as in their uniforms, the decision has been taken to change the colour of the PE t-shirt to navy-blue. **This will be a phased change, meaning there is no need for parents to purchase a navy-blue t-shirt for PE until its necessary to replace your child's existing white t-shirt.**

As the navy-blue t-shirt is unbranded, this item of uniform may be purchased from any high street shop or supermarket.

### *4. Changes to the school bag*

In keeping with DfE guidance, we have taken the decision of making our school bags desirable rather than compulsory. For those who want to purchase one of our long-lasting and great value school bags (and we hope that you continue to do so), we have decided to introduce a second bag option for children from Nursery to Year 1. This smaller backpack will ensure that these younger children have a bag more suitable for their needs and proportional to their smaller stature (children from Y2 onwards will require a larger bag due to swimming lessons).

**For the complete uniform list, please see the attached document**

**'School Uniform Expectations 2022 - 23'.**

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As a school, we will continue to hold regular high-quality sales of pre-loved uniform, not only helping your purse but the planet too! Those experiencing real difficulty in purchasing uniform are encouraged to speak to our parent worker, Mrs Anna Di-Doi, in confidence.

For details on how to request amendments to the school uniform policy on the grounds of equality, please see the new School Uniform Policy which has now been made available on the school website.

Once again, thank you to everyone who took the time to respond so thoughtfully to the consultation and thank you in advance to parents/carers for their support in maintaining high standards at Shaftesbury Park Primary School.

Kind regards,

Mrs Richards (Headteacher) Mr Cousins (Chair of Governors)

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[School Uniform Expectations 2022-23.pdf \(247 KB\)](#)

[Information from Gooddies on Sustainability.pdf \(106 KB\)](#)