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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we want to inform you of some exciting changes regarding our school uniform and logo. Over a year ago our pupils designed a new school logo. We have been using this on our school letter headings and school signage for the last year and we felt it was time our uniform got updated as well!

Change in Uniform Colour: Starting from the September 2024 school year (with a year's transition period), we will be updating the colour of our school uniform. This was voted for by pupils, parents and staff. The new uniform colours will be '**Bottle Green**', which can also be purchased in many supermarkets and other retailers without a logo. We have also decided to bring in hoodies as part of our uniform for PE and Forest School days.

Our new school uniform will be as follows:

- Bottle green sweatshirt/cardigan – plain or with the school logo
- Bottle green hoodie (for PE and Forest School- optional)
- Grey/black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Bottle green gingham summer dress
- White or green polo shirt with a collar – plain or with the school logo
- White long or short sleeved school shirt
- Plain grey, black or white socks or black or grey tights
- Plain black school shoes
- PE kit with black/navy shorts and a school PE T shirt (white or green plain or with logo)
- Children may also wish to have black/navy joggers and a black/navy sweatshirt for outdoor PE
- PE Trainers

Our reasons for having this uniform are to:

- 1) Create a sense of community, pride and unity in the school as we will all be wearing the same uniform.
- 2) Ensuring pupils are easily identifiable when we go off site for PE tournaments and trips.
- 3) The hoodie will mean that pupils (or parents) don't have to purchase other clothes for Forest School or think what to wear.
- 4) Staff have felt for a while that we are a 'green' school. We feel that it encompasses our Forest School ethos and our closeness to nature. We hope that you agree.



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Transition Period: We understand that this change of uniform may cause financial hardship for some families and that these changes may require adjustments. We also understand that not everyone will like the new colour as much as the old colour. We are committed to making the transition as smooth as possible. Therefore, we are implementing a transition period of one school year. During this period, students will be allowed to wear either the old or new uniform colours. We will also be providing assistance to families who may need support in acquiring the new uniforms. Please do not struggle if this will cause hardship. Please speak to Mrs Wyer or Mr Figg for support with this change.

Purchasing New Uniforms: The new uniforms are now available for purchase at <https://www.hatchworx.co.uk/stanton>. A link can also be found in the uniform section of our website. You can also purchase bundles of uniform which will again reduce the cost. If anyone would like to purchase a cheaper cardigan/jumper from another source and have the logo embroidered on that is also an option available on the uniform website.

I have had many discussions with parents over the last few days regarding this change, many have been overwhelmingly positive however there are parents with valid concerns and questions of which I have attempted to answer below:

1) The uniform is fine as it is. Why do we need to change?

The uniform is fine as it is but we want to update the logo. As we are changing logo now is the time to change colour and not further down the line. We feel that we are a green school in ethos. Being green will also help us stand out at sporting events.

2) It is very wasteful as we have lots of blue spare uniform and hand me downs.

You are right and if pupils and parents would like to continue to wear blue next year then please do so. Hopefully after a year we will have spare green stock for anyone that doesn't want to buy from new. We will send our old stock to India for the pupils in our link school.

3) It is going to cost lots of money

We do not want parents to have to spend lots of money. We have chosen a colour that is also available in most supermarkets. We are having a year long transition so parents do not have to buy the new uniform. The uniforms from the new supplier are slightly cheaper than the old uniform supplier and there are also bundle offerings to make it even cheaper. If anyone needs support buying school uniform then please see Mrs Wyer or Mr Figg.

4) It feels rushed. Not all parents got to vote. Why do this now?

Back in February we contacted our old uniform supplier who said they could not produce our new logo as it was 'too intricate'. We had given up hope however, late last week a parent asked a contact if they could produce our logo. We received a sample of the new logo on Friday. Over the weekend I worked with our new supplier in order to get our new uniform (whether it be green or blue) ready. We then asked parents their opinions at drop off yesterday and pupils and staff during the day. The pupils counted the results at the end of Collective Worship yesterday. Apologies if you were not consulted on this. A quick decision was needed if we wanted to implement the new logo this September and not wait another year. If anyone has already ordered new uniform from our old supplier please can you contact school.

We believe these updates will enhance our school's identity and create a more cohesive and vibrant community.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to an exciting and successful new school year.

Warm regards,

Alexia Wyer
Executive Headteacher

“Life in all its fullness.” John 10:10