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Consultation for change of Summer Uniform

As a school, we are always looking at ways to improve and as part of this; we wish to review our current summer uniform. In order to make a full and informed decision we will be consulting with parents, pupils, staff and trustees. The decision about whether to retain the existing summer uniform or move to a new one will be informed by this process.

Current Uniform



Proposed Uniform



There are a number of reasons for wishing to explore a change of summer uniform including:

- Yellow dresses, due to the light colour, are quite see-through and the underwear being worn by the child is often visible;
- Yellow dresses, due to the light colour, show dirt and general wear and tear more easily;
- Yellow dresses can quickly become discoloured (grey and washed out) when washing;
- Yellow dresses attract insects easily;
- Yellow dresses were chosen when school jumpers were a different colour. Yellow does not feature in any other aspects of our school uniform.

DfE guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>

Key points to raise (relating to the above link):

- A change from yellow to navy would not incur a change in unit cost to parents. Navy gingham dresses are readily available in many shops and are the same price as the yellow gingham dresses;
- Uniform costs will be considered for the proposed introduction by the new uniform not taking effect until the 2024 summer term at the earliest. If a decision is made to proceed with this change, existing parents will be notified of the upcoming change in the 2023 summer term to allow for parents to purchase dresses ahead of time in end of season sales.

To commence the process, we have begun to informally collect pupil and staff views about the proposed change. The initial thoughts can be seen below:

Pupil Voice:

Y2	"I like it; it looks beautiful"
	"It looks nice with our cardigan"
	"I don't like it"
Y3	"I wish it could be ours, it matches so much better!"
	"I think the yellow stands out more"
	"We haven't had blue before so I think it looks good"
Y4	"It looks great, matches so much better and I would be happy to change"
	"It is way better, love the new colour!"
Y5	"Yes, yes, please, please! Yellow is not part of our school uniform"
	"We should keep the yellow as it is more summery"
	"The yellow is light and shows up stains, the blue would be much easier to keep clean"
	"The yellow attracts bugs, the blue would hopefully be better"
Y6	"The yellow dresses can be difficult to find in some shops"
	"The navy looks a lot better. Bees and wasps land on the yellow"
	"The navy looks a better match to our jumper and blazer"
	"I prefer the yellow, it is much brighter and a better contrast"
	"The dark blue will attract more heat"
	"We already have a lot of blue in our uniform so having the yellow makes a change"

Staff Voice:

- "I much prefer the navy, it would be so much easier to keep clean"
- "I think that the dark blue looks smarter, more traditional, less see through and will not look as grubby so quickly. It also blends better with the boys being in black"
- "The yellow discolours very quickly and is also very see-through. I would certainly be in support of a change"
- "I feel that the yellow dress is more summery and cheery although it doesn't necessarily match the cardigan very well"
- "I personally really like the idea of blue dresses ..."
- "The blue one looks beautiful. I love the fact that it is modest (not see through), dirt and discolouration, pen marks won't be as visible as it is on the yellow ones when the dress gets older. Overall would feel like a fresh start for the school I think"
- "I really do like the yellow summer dresses and feel it complements the school jumper"
- "I think the navy is a better choice. The yellow often looks grubby and fades, whilst neither goes particularly well with our cardigans there is navy on the logo. I also feel that the navy ones look better quality"

Options for proposed change:

Option One	No change to the existing summer uniform
Option Two	Phased change to navy gingham dresses:
	- Summer Term 2024: Both navy and yellow gingham dresses can be worn
	- Summer Term 2025: Only navy gingham dresses can be worn
Option Three	Change to navy gingham dresses from Summer Term 2024

To formally move forwards with the consultation process, we would like to invite parents/carers, staff and trustees to complete an on-line survey to indicate their preference by following this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/acG2vt0SZW>

Timeline of consultation:

4 th May 2023	Consultation begins. Information is presented to the school community via email communication. Consultation documentation, images and link to survey are available on the school website.
The consultation survey will be open for 15 days	
19 th May 2023	Consultation period closes. Feedback will be collated and presented to the trust board who will make the final decision at a board meeting on 7 th June 2023.
12 th June 2023	Outcome of the consultation will be shared with the school community and placed onto the school website.

In making any decision regarding uniform, it is important to stress that we are fully aware that school uniform represents a significant cost for families. As such it is important that we get the correct balance between cost, quality and appearance. We have examples of the proposed new summer dress in the main school office for you to view if you wish.