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Dear Parents/Carers

Uniform Changes for September 2024: Follow up letter

I am writing to provide additional information following the letter I forwarded on to all parents on behalf of Mr Burchett who leads the overview of all Co-op Academies in Greater Manchester.

We have now met as a senior team in order to put in place the Trust mandate that all students can either wear a skirt with black tights of at least 40 denier or trousers. We would encourage all students to wear trousers as they are more practical all year round e.g. cooler in the summer. However, we are aware that some students may wish to take the skirt and tights option but you may need to consider tailored trousers which are cooler in warmer weather.

We have started to work with Zutti our uniform provider, and they have sourced two types of trousers that may suit students who traditionally wear a skirt. One option is French cut, high rise tapered leg trousers. The other is a slim fit tailored pair of trousers.

Both of these samples have been tried by a small number of students who were very positive about the look and comfort. The quality of them is also very good and other Oldham schools who have mandated trousers only use this supplier.



Parents are not restricted to purchasing trousers from Zutti and most other suppliers

provide the above. However, we will not be allowing leggings, jeans, tight skinny trousers, canvas, linens or yoga style trousers in September. Students will be expected to wear a formal pair of trousers. To help we have added pictures below so parents can avoid making the wrong purchases.



I appreciate that we get a small number of days with extreme temperatures each year and on these days we will relax our uniform. We will clearly inform you of when this happens but it will be relatively infrequent. We currently relax the jumper in warm weather and have relaxed the blazer and tie on extreme days. We will monitor this and may allow Failsworth PE kit on the very rare days the above will not be sufficient. All students have PE kit so this should not cause any issues for students.

Finally, my strong advice is to go for the trousers but if you want to have the skirt and tights please be aware that students will not be allowed skirts without tights and we support anyone not following this, but if they refuse we will reluctantly follow our behaviour policy. I hope you can support us on this mandate being made by the Trust.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher