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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are venturing quickly towards the end of this academic year so I wanted to remind you about the uniform expectations for September. It is our expectation that all pupils wear the correct uniform daily so they can feel and look smart each day. It is really important that the standards of uniform remain high. We know that if the pupils feel smart, it has a positive impact on the way they feel about themselves and the way they approach their learning.

Uniform Reminder:

In September all pupils are required to wear the correct uniform, including Physical Education as stated in our uniform policy.



Uniform expectations:

For pupils in the **Early Years** the uniform is as follows:
Green v-neck jumper or green cardigan (with or without logo)
Plain white polo shirt
Black school trousers or skirt/pinafore
Plain black or white socks or black tights
Black shoes **not trainers or boots (please see below)**



For **Years 1 to 6** pupils:
Green blazers with the school logo
Green v- neck jumper/ cardigan (with or without logo) optional
Plain white button up shirt (**not a polo shirt**)
Green and gold tie (traditional tie so it doesn't get lost)
Black school trousers or skirt/pinafore (skirts must be knee length)
Plain black or white socks (under the knee) or **black** tights
Black shoes **not trainers or boots (please see below)**

During the terms 1, 5 and 6, pupils may wear a green gingham dress with which a tie is not needed. White socks are to be worn with the summer dresses.

Shoes:

Please note that school shoes or full leather (or leather look) trainer shoes - black soles - must be worn. Pupils are **not allowed to wear sports trainers**. These include trainers with mesh or a bubble on the side, with a contrasting logo or metallic rivets. Overleaf are examples of acceptable leather shoes.

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Physical Education:
It is just as important to look smart in P.E sessions. Pupils must make sure they have their P.E kits in school every day. The uniform for these sessions is as follows:



Plain black shorts
Plain white t-shirt
Plain black pumps
Plain black tracksuit bottoms
Plain black tracksuit top

Please note that all of these items need to be **plain, black and white** and not with a logo. You do not need to purchase an expensive sports kit.

Jewellery:

Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings to school however these must be removed for **all** PE and swimming lessons by the pupil. Please consider having ears pierced at the start of the summer holiday to allow time to practise taking earrings out or do not wear these on PE days.

Hair:
Pupils need to maintain their natural hair colour - no dyed hair. This includes braids which must also be in the child's natural colour. Hair accessories including bows/beads/clips and headbands must be black or green and not excessively big. Short, shaved hair is not permitted including razor lines and designs.

Religious headscarves must be either green or black.

All items of **clothing must be named** to ensure that it gets back to the right person at the end of the day.

With the exception of the tie and blazer, which will need to be purchased from Cross Embroidery, we do not expect any other items of uniform to have the school logo. The rest of the uniform can be purchased from super markets or high street stores which should help to reduce the cost. Please do not hesitate to come and us if you need any support with uniform or have any questions to ask.

The Dashwood Action Committee - our termly parent meeting - has been determined to ensure that uniform is accessible for all. With this in mind, we do have some smaller- sized blazers and jumpers with a logo, in the office which can be purchased for £5. If you do have any blazers that your children have grown out of, then we would be very grateful if you could donate them to school. We turn blazers into books - with all the money that we raise, we purchase books for our library.

We also have some free items of uniform and PE kit to support families if needed - please ask the office if you would like any items.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Gordon-Weeks, Principal