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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some **small changes** to our school uniform expectations ahead of the **new school year**. The wearing of school uniform is **practical, prevents unnecessary competition** and is **cheaper** in the long term. It also helps to give our children their sense of **identity** and **belonging**. We are sharing this now as we know that some of you will already be starting to look for uniform ahead of the new school year.

We welcome donations of **old uniform** which no longer fit your little ones. **Spare uniform** can also be sourced from school or the **Hope Centre** at Manor Walks. New **branded uniform** can be purchased from our supplier, **Cloud 9**, which is located in the **South Nelson Industrial Estate**.

Footwear

We are going to change our uniform expectations for school shoes. We ask that children wear **plain black shoes, boots or trainers**. All footwear should be plain with minimal logos or markings. Footwear should also be **flat** without a **wedge** or **heel**. We have seen an increasing number of children wearing brightly coloured, expensive trainers to school. We want to ensure that our children are **smartly presented**, have a **sense of belonging** and not under **pressure to conform** to fashion trends - especially during **challenging economic times**.

T-shirts and Shirts

Another small change is that we ask parents to only provide a **plain white t-shirt or shirt**. In the past we have allowed light blue or grey but will limit this to **white from September**.

Trousers, Shorts and Dresses

Trousers, shorts, skirts and tights should be **dark grey** or **black** with **minimal logos** and **markings**. **Gingham** dresses should be **royal blue** and **white**. **Pinafore** dresses should be **dark grey** or **black**.

Our school uniform is a combination of the colours **royal blue, white** and **grey** -

- Royal blue jumper, cardigan or fleece
- Grey or black skirt/pinafore dress (with plain cycle shorts if preferred)
- Blue and white checked gingham dress
- Grey or black trousers or shorts

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- White shirt or polo shirt
- Plain black shoes, boots or trainers

Nursery

Uniform for our children in **Nursery** is the same as it is for the rest of school except for a **small difference**. We ask that children wear **black** or **dark grey jogging bottoms** or **leggings** rather than more formal trousers. We find that this makes it easier for children to use the toilet at an age where they are still practising. We find in general that **jogging bottoms/leggings** are more practical for all children because they spend so much time out on the **new nursery yard** being **physical**.

PE Kit

We ask that children **come to school** on their **PE days** wearing their kit. This maximises learning time as children are not required to change into and out of their PE kit. PE kit consists of:

- **Royal blue school sweatshirt** or **school hoodie** (branded sweatshirts and/or hoodies can be purchased from **Cloud 9 Leisure** in the South Nelson Industrial Estate)
- **Unbranded** black/navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- White **t-shirt** or **polo shirt**
- Sports **trainers** (not wellies, boots or smart shoes)

Reminders

Footwear should be flat for safety reasons. We encourage children to **dress for the weather** and wear **lighter clothes** in the warmer weather.

Hairstyles should be **smart**, and not extreme in nature, as these styles can become a distraction. Longer hair must be tied up in the interests of personal hygiene. Hair dye is not permitted. We will provide children with **hair bobbles** if required to tie it up.

Pupils are **not allowed to wear jewellery** in school with the exception of an **inexpensive watch**, which must be **removed** for **PE**. If you choose for your child to have their ears pierced, we ask that this takes place during the **six week summer break** with the expectation that earrings are removed during the day on return to school.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Routledge