

## Fulwood and Cadley Primary School

"Wish it, Dream it, Do it. Be Unique."

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Headteacher - Mrs. France

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Parents/Guardians of All Pupils

Dear Parent/Guardian

## Re: New School Uniform

I am writing to introduce our exciting NEW Fulwood and Cadley school uniform. Firstly I would like to begin by expressing my sincere apologies that our existing school community found out about the changes to the current uniform via a policy, this has been sent out by mistake as we prepared all the information for our new starters. My aim was to introduce the changes and allow parents and children the chance to express their opinions, once again my apologies as this opportunity has now been missed.

We have been reflecting on our uniform for a long time and I am sure you will agree, the current uniform does not look as smart as it could. We want our children not only to feel part of a very special school family but feel proud and well-dressed, enabling them to have a much smarter attitude towards their learning and conduct in school, as well as their overall self-confidence.

The gold coloured polo tops especially do not wear well and fade to a variety of shades meaning that colours vary considerably and can make some children feel different. For this reason we have decided to go to a standard white shirt so that there are no differentiations in colour. These are available at a wide selection of places and very affordable. As a result of choosing the smarter white shirt, we felt the introduction of a clip tie, will enable all our children to feel smart. To compliment the shirt and tie we have chosen a new v-necked sweater with the gold stripe around the neck. The rest of the uniform remains the same.

The cost of the items are as follows:

- V neck jumper £16.99
- Cardigan £17.99
- Tie £5.99

Smart Clothing is offering all our parents 10% discount, which makes the uniform approximately £4 more expensive than our old uniform. We are hopeful due to the quality of the jumper, they will wear well and last longer therefore ensuring a saving in the longer term. The uniform is available for a

September 2023 start, but will not be compulsory till September 2024. I have included some photos of the new uniform so that you can see how it looks.

On a final note I just wanted to reiterate how much, as a school, we try and support our families in every way possible. There are no circumstances where we make any decisions that affect you without thinking of the cost. We have removed all items that require a school logo except for the sweater/cardigan/tie and backpack so you can buy all items except these at any retailer you choose. I must point out that our supplier, Smart Schoolwear, are very happy to support us with supplying uniform to families that need support and are a very philanthropic minded organisation. If you do need any financial help with uniform please let us know.

Once you have read the new uniform policy if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to flag these up to Mrs. Smith, School Business Manager at bursar@fulwoodcadley.lancs.sch.uk.

Once again thank you to all of our parents for your unceasing support, as a school we like to think of you all as part of our school family.

Mrs. K France Headteacher

