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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Update on School Uniform Policy**

I write to update you about our school uniform policy. You will be aware that we have been seeking the views of parents, pupils and staff about whether the school should continue with its current relaxation of dress code.

**As an outcome to this consultation, we have decided that we will continue with the current relaxed approach in primary and secondary until Christmas and review arrangements again early in the new term so as to allow parents plenty of notice should the decision be to return to some form of compulsory uniform in the New Year.**

There were many strong views for and against expressed by participants in our surveys, and it was clear that although a majority of all stakeholders favoured the current situation and its continuation for the meantime, there was by no means a consensus.

The following two comments from secondary parents illustrate well the range of viewpoints:

*Too stressful for teenage girls to decide what to wear if not uniform.*

*No uniforms has made life very easy in the mornings in our house.*

The attachment to this letter provides a collation of all comments from primary and secondary parents which I think provides a really rich insight into the range of perspectives. It also includes a breakdown of responses to the surveys along with a brief commentary.

I would remind you that until Christmas pupils can continue to wear uniform. Whether or not your child is wearing uniform I would urge you to encourage them to change out of school clothes when they return from school in order to minimise the risk of carrying infection into your household.



I will speak about dress code during my report at the Parent Council meeting tomorrow and will be happy to answer any questions at this time. In the meantime, can I thank parents for participating in this survey and for the many useful comments they provided.

Yours faithfully

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