



Respect, Resilience, Responsibility

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Uniform Consultation

The DfE has published new statutory guidance on the cost of school uniform. This guidance, published on 19 November 2021, requires schools to make sure school uniform costs are reasonable and secure best value for money for parents/carers. This means that, by the end of the summer term 2022, the school will need to:

- Review our current uniform policy and make changes where necessary;
- Publish the new uniform policy on our website;
- Make sure second-hand uniforms are available.

At the most recent full governing board meeting, the governors reviewed the current policy and specifically considered:-

- Making sure that the cost of school uniform is affordable;
- The total cost of all uniform or clothing items parents or carers will need to buy;
- To help keep costs down, keeping the use of branded uniform items to a minimum;
- Ways we could help make second-hand uniforms available;
- Regular competitive tendering processes for current agreement with PENN UK.

The school is proposing the following changes to our policy:-

WHAT WE'D LIKE TO CHANGE	WHY
To reduce the number of branded items by the school purchasing a tie for all new Year 7 students.	This will reduce the cost of our uniform by £8.00 for new parents/carers.
Removal of the girls' branded 'Cornelius' leggings (£22).	<p>This will provide greater flexibility for PE bottoms by offering a generic item in place of a branded one. Students will have the option to wear Cornelius shorts, Cornelius skort OR plain black leggings or plain black tracksuit bottoms.</p> <p><i>Please note those students already in possession of this item, will still be permitted to wear it (Current Year 7-10).</i></p>

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The development of a 'Swap Shop' or 'Pre-loved Uniform Shop'.	To ensure that second-hand uniforms are available for parents/carers to acquire. Information on second-hand uniforms should be clear for parents of current and prospective students and published on the school's website.
Creation of a new policy (July 2022)	<p>To make the policy more specific by making it explicitly clear:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• which items are optional and which are required;• whether certain items are only used in specific circumstances, or at specific times of year;• whether we will accept generic items in place of branded ones;• where parents can buy uniform items (including whether an item is only available from a specific retailer or can be bought more widely).

All other aspects of uniform items, expectations and sanctions will remain the same.


We would like your feedback on the proposed amendments to the policy. We would like to invite **everyone** to take part, even if you don't have any concerns about the changes.

The deadline for responding to the consultation is Sunday 1st May 2022.

Please email any comments to admin@corneliusvermuyden.com with the subject marked clearly 'Uniform'.

Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully



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