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Dear Parent/Carer

I recently wrote to you with information regarding our new school uniform from September 2019. Our new uniform is an important part of the considerable work that needs to be completed in the school to raise expectations, aspirations and standards. The Governing Body and leadership of the school are clear in their belief that Guisseley School has the capacity to be an outstanding educational provision. This should not be a longer term goal but something we aspire to whilst the young people we currently have in the school are still completing their education here.

To achieve this, we will require the very highest standards of behaviour, student ethos and aspiration. Uniform is key to these high standards in schools, setting the culture of a school and impacting hugely on students' attitudes and values. The insistence on specifying key elements of the uniform are a specific design is to ensure that we can achieve a consistency that ensures both a real sense of community and pride, as well as the equity that comes with a truly 'uniform' approach for students.

Equally, the changes to our PE kit are aimed at delivering the same impact within our physical education programme, both timetabled and extra-curricular. Physical well-being is closely linked to mental health well-being, and the health benefits of an active lifestyle are clearly documented. Improving engagement with PE is a fundamental strategy to improve the well-being and life-chances of our young people.

A small proportion of our parents/carers have contacted the Governing Body and myself to indicate their concern at the cost implications of the new uniform. The Governing Body have listened to these concerns and have reviewed the new uniform policy accordingly. They have taken a number of steps that will lessen the financial impact of introducing a new uniform on parents/carers.

### **School Logo on Trousers and Skirts**

The requirement for trousers to have the logo emblem will be removed which will open up more outlets for parents/carers to source uniform from. We would ask parents to consider matching the shade of Navy as closely as possible to the school blazer and to be very clear that the trousers will need to be a tailored fit. Slim fit, skinny fit or tapered trousers will not be allowed. There should be no additional zips and trousers should not be jean or legging material.

Skirts will need to be purchased from the school's approved stockists and bear the school emblem.

### **Transition times for uniform**

- The period for current Year groups 7-9 to transition into the uniform has been extended to Easter 2020. This allows a full calendar year to transition.
- The requirement for students to transition into the whole uniform when changing items has been lifted, allowing students to 'mix and match' through to Easter 2020.

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### PE Kit

- The number of items in the PE kit that can be 'generic' and sourced from alternative outlets has been increased to minimise the expense of the PE kit.
- Students in current Years 7-10 will be able to wear their current PE kit until they leave school in Year 11. We would ask that as and when items need replacing, parents/carers replace them with items consistent with the new uniform.

The Governing Body would also like me to be very clear in this communication that the school will continue to make absolutely no profit or income of any form from the sale of any uniform, as has been suggested on some social media platforms.

In addition, the school will collect old uniform from students, in the current Years 10 and 11, and will work alongside chosen charities to recycle uniform as we make the transition over the next 18 months.

We also plan in the future to hold uniform sales, as many schools who adopt similar uniforms do. When the new uniform has embedded, we will purchase good quality uniform items from parents/carers when students have outgrown them. We will then sell at buy-back cost to parents/carers through uniform sales twice over the course of an academic year. We plan to start this programme in the January of 2021.

I hope that these amendments go some way to appease the concerns raised around cost implications and allows parents/carers to support the school as we work towards our vision. I would reiterate that any student for whom the school is in receipt of pupil premium can apply for assistance with uniform costs. Any parent/carer who is experiencing financial hardship is able to apply to the school hardship fund.

I appreciate that there is a clear increase in cost for parents/carers to the new uniform. I am however convinced that the impact of this over the next few years will be a tangible improvement in culture and a school that both students and parents are proud to be a part of.

Yours sincerely

Paul Clayton  
Headteacher



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# School Uniform

## Compulsory items:

- Blazer:** Guiseley School navy blazer with school crest (*available from stockists*).
- Trousers:** Dark navy trousers - tailored.  
(Slim fit, Jeans, skinny fit, tapered trousers, additional zips or leggings will not be allowed).
- or*
- Skirt:** Guiseley school navy skirt with school emblem (*available from stockists*).
- Tie:** School tie in correct colour for appropriate Key Stage.

## Additional uniform items required:

- White shirt:** With collar, fastened top button with tie.
- Tights and socks:**  
**Tights:** All tights must be black or navy blue with a 40+ denier.  
**Socks:** Plain, black or navy.
- Shoes:** Plain black shoes - no trainers including black trainers, no sport logos, sandals, stilettos or flip flops.

## Optional item:

- School Jumper:** Optional Guiseley School navy jumper with school crest (*available from stockists*).

# PE Kit

Boys	Girls
Boys short sleeved PE top with school crest (available from stockists)	Girls short sleeved PE top with school crest (available from stockists)
Boys long sleeve zip training top with school crest (available from stockists)	Girls long sleeve hooded training top/zip top with school crest (available from stockists)
Dark navy blue shorts (no visible logo)	Dark navy blue shorts/skirt (no visible logo)
Dark navy blue football socks	<b>Or</b> black/navy blue leggings (no visible logo)
White sports socks	White sports socks
Football Boots	Football Boots (advisable)
Trainers	Trainers
Gumshield	Gumshield
<b>Optional:</b>	
Boys: Black/blue skins/blue or black tracksuit bottoms (no visible logo).	
Girls: Blue or black tracksuit bottoms (no visible logo).	

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