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Dear Parent/Carer,

Support in advance of new uniform being available

Following parent feedback on accessibility to and quality of the existing uniform earlier this year, we have been working with a number of different suppliers to help alleviate these concerns and chose to update the uniform with Paul Days in Ely. These processes often take time and we are fully aware that as we near the end of the process, the launch of the new uniform, we have also entered a period where many families are struggling to adapt to the cost-of-living crisis.

In advance of the public facing launch, I wanted to reassure any family and in particular parents of children receiving the Pupil Premium that although school uniform will always be part of a family's annual costs, we have and will continue to:

- Drive down further the number and cost of compulsory items;
- Provide discreet support to assist families in genuine need in the purchase of uniform including providing compulsory items at no cost (free);
- Extend the time existing students will be able to wear the legacy uniform;
- Remove the need for Yr11 to buy larger sizes of compulsory items;
- Provide as much second-hand stock as possible;
- Offer pre-payment schemes;
- Always offer support to families who need it.

It is our sincere belief that school is for everyone, and we will work with everyone to ensure all children have and feel equity in our provision.

Once you have the literature about the new uniform and expectations, please do reach out to me directly or any staff you feel comfortable talking to and we will always endeavour to help where we can.

Kind Regards,



Richard Auffret

Head of School