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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

I'm writing to you about the information that was sent to you last Friday regarding changes to our school uniform policy.

While the intent was to provide the information as soon as possible to parents and caregivers about the new policy we would like to provide more detail in terms of the context and rationale for the changes, as well as the timeline for implementation.

In relation to timeline **the new uniform policy will apply from the beginning of 2021**. The current policy will continue to apply until the end of this year.

Decisions about uniform are made by the Uniform Committee, comprising parents and staff, which is a sub-committee of Governing Council. Changes to uniform policy proposed by the Uniform Committee need to be ratified at Governing Council, which includes parents, students and staff. This happened last Monday night when Governing Council voted in favour of the revised policy.

The committee is also responsible for ongoing consultation regarding how the policy is applied and any concerns being raised by students, families and staff. This includes everything from uniform options and design to cost and supply and, of course, how the policy is applied in the school setting.

The Uniform Committee also needs to ensure that our policy is consistent with Department for Education guidelines, including clear direction about gender specific uniform, which have now been incorporated into our policy. The new policy also responds to student feedback that having specific uniform requirements aligned with the four school terms doesn't reflect the weather patterns and that students have often been either too hot or too cold in the designated uniform.

The revised uniform policy has been uploaded to the school's website with advice to families that it applies from the beginning of 2021.

If you have any further queries about the uniform policy, please feel free to contact the school.

Kind regards



Tony Lunniss
Principal