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Dear Parents/Carers

School Uniform - New Logo Ready To Go!

The samples of the new uniform with the new logo look fantastic and we are delighted to now make this available to you ready for September. It will be great to finally see the logo designed by our community upon the uniform.

Consultation

Over the last few months the school has been in consultation with yourselves and your children to decide what our new uniform should comprise of when including our new logo. I am pleased to say that the consultation period is now over and our new uniform is ready to go! The main outcomes of the update to our uniform are:

- Change in colour from a mix of navy blue and red to a single colour - Navy Blue.
- Change in style of jumper from round neck to a V neck.
- Option to wear a fleece (in addition to a jumper and not in place of) in winter months.
- Introduction of coloured T Shirts (in house colours) for PE lessons.
- Updated new logo on book bags and PE bags.
- Option to purchase other items (such as Ruck Sacks/Jackets on order only).

The final decisions were agreed in consultation with the Partners in Learning group following the feedback you and your children gave us.

The uniform will comprise of the following elements

Boys	Girls
Navy V Neck Jumper (we request that this does have the logo)	Navy V Neck Jumper (we request that this does have the logo)
Grey Trousers Grey Shorts (summer)	Grey Skirt Grey Pinafore Grey Shorts/Culottes Blue/White 'Gingham' Dress (summer)
White Polo OR White Shirt (this item can be worn with or without the logo)	White Polo OR White Blouse/Shirt (this item can be worn with or without the logo)
Black/Dark Shoes (NOT trainers)	Black Dark Shoes (NOT trainers) Black/Dark Sandals (summer)
Fleece with Logo (optional in addition to a jumper on order only)	Fleece with Logo (optional in addition to a jumper on order only)

Footwear

I believe it is important to be wearing appropriate footwear for school. As outlined above this should be dark/black shoes (not trainers) but with the option to wear sandals in the summer months (preferably black/dark/white). I actively discourage the wearing of coloured shoes/ballet type/'Ugg' boots/flip flops etc. during the school day. Shoes for school should offer good support.

Trainers and plimsols/pump type footwear should be used for PE lessons only. In any case a change of footwear should be brought into school for PE. This may include football boots for older children.

PE Kit

A change of clothing for any physical activity is essential and the same goes in schools. Children must bring a PE kit into school that can be changed into from their normal school uniform. It is important that children are not doing PE in items of their normal school uniform, such as polo tops.

Our new uniform for PE from now comprises of coloured T-Shirts in the house colours for Hugh (Blue), Aragon (Red), Lincoln (Green) and Hardwick (Yellow). These will be ideal for sports days and inter or intra house competitions throughout the year. It would be great if these coloured tops were in place for the annual sports day events. Updated PE bags with the new logo will also be available (along with the option to order a ruck sack for older children).

Boys	Girls
T-Shirt in House Colour (this item can be worn with or without the logo)	T-Shirt in House Colour (this item can be worn with or without the logo)
Black or White Shorts	Black or White Shorts
Black Leggings (winter only)	Black Leggings (winter only)
Trainers (outside) Pumps (inside)	Trainers (outside) Pumps (inside)

How will the new uniform be phased in?

We recognise that many children are still wearing their current uniform and they can continue to do so for the coming months (as items wear out/grow out). From September the new single colour of Navy Blue will be in place and so would ask parents to please phase out red items over the summer months. Children can continue to wear their blue 'acorn logo' jumpers until the time comes to replace them.

We anticipate that by September 2009 the new uniform will be fully integrated.

From this week the office will be moving to ordering new logo items only and these will be available to order for the new Reception intake for September at their induction evening. An order form is attached to this letter. The new uniform will be displayed outside in the playground shortly so you can see the items for yourselves.

An updated 'Uniform Policy' will follow and form part of an updated school prospectus.

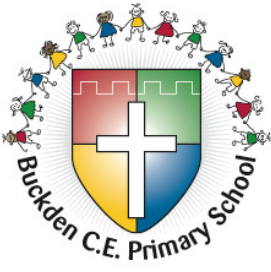
SALE

The office has a small number of the 'acorn logo' jumpers for sale. As these will not be available after half term (May 31st) we have decided to sell off the last batch at 'half price' to make way for the new uniform. Please visit the office to purchase these.

Yours sincerely

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