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Holy Trinity School Uniform Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about our school uniform for the next academic year and beyond. This is in response to parent and child consultation, the results of which you will see below.

#### Parent and Child Uniform Consultation

We received 39 parent feedback forms and consulted the school council, made up of children representing every class in our school. The results were:

- 62% of our parents wanted to retain the blazer and tie
- 53% of our parents wanted to see a range of new uniform items introduced, such as cardigans and PE shirts with the school logo on
- 100% of our parents wanted the colour of our uniform to remain the same
- 100% of parents wanted a new and consistent PE kit
- 74% of our school council wanted to have a choice between wearing a blazer or a sweatshirt over their shirt and tie
- 95% of our school council wanted a new PE kit
- 82% of our school council wanted to have the choice of what coat to wear, with some interested in wearing a school coat with logo on and others wanting to wear their own coats to school

### Holy Trinity's uniform for 2021 and beyond

We have consulted with our community and taken into account the consensus of opinion. Therefore, our school uniform for 2021-22 and beyond will remain the same but with some new additions, offering more choice for our families:

- A choice of either burgundy blazer, cardigan or sweatshirt with new school logo
- A formal white shirt with burgundy and gold tie
- Grey trousers, shorts, pleated skirts or pinafores
- Grey tights and plain black shoes
- PE t-shirt with new school logo and grey tracksuit bottoms or black shorts
- Yellow Gingham summer dress
- Holy Trinity school bag with new school logo
- No uniform expectations regarding outdoor coats, other than they should be a plain colour without pattern

All blazers, jumpers, cardigans, PE shirts and school bags will now have the new school logo on. Reception children will continue to wear the school jumper and plain white polo shirt.

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#### The cost

One of the best things about this uniform upgrade is that it can save our families a significant amount of money each year. You will be able to supplement uniform items with logos on alongside plain items purchased from the supermarket, or online. I intend for this uniform to be more affordable and manageable for our parents. You will be provided with a price list immediately after half-term.

#### The supplier

Our school uniform will be supplied by a different company, as of July 2021. The company is called <u>School Uniform Direct</u> and they have a substantial superstore and user-friendly website.

School Uniform Direct is one of the leading suppliers of school uniform in London. They provide uniform for over 100 primary schools in our region and are renowned for reliability, affordability and quality. I will provide you all with further details on how to order your uniform when it is available.

#### How it will work

I understand how challenging it can be to ensure your child has the correct uniform each year. Siblings hand uniform items down to one another, parents invest in expensive blazers that can last a number of years and items with logos on cost far more than plain options purchased over the counter.

For this reason, we will be offering a one-year window where the old uniform can be worn to school. This will give our families time to get the wear out of those blazers, gradually purchase new items and be prepared for the full roll out of our new and improved uniform in September 2022.

#### What next?

You will be able to purchase the new school uniform from the start of July onwards. The school uniform supplier will be attending school on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and will set up a display in the front playground so that you can look at the new options and feel the items you may wish to purchase.

#### The process we have been through

Please be assured that this decision has been very carefully thought through, with all members of our community in mind. We want our uniform to reflect the core values of our school, and the vibrant, inclusive and progressive community that we serve. A well thought out school uniform can play an important role in creating an inclusive school community and fostering a sense of belonging. In line with this, the new additions to our uniform will be comfortable, smart, practical and affordable.

I know that school uniform is an evocative subject, we have not taken this decision lightly and we have aimed to give adequate time for everyone to prepare for the change. If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 0208 6749051 or <a href="mailto:admin@holytrinity.lambeth.sch.uk">admin@holytrinity.lambeth.sch.uk</a> and one of our leadership team will respond to you promptly.

There will be more information in the near future to keep you up to date with these changes. I am looking forward to seeing our wonderful children wearing their school uniform adorned with our new school logo in September and beyond.

Kind regards,

-Winn

Mr Winn Headteacher

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