

06 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please can I present our reviewed school policy for uniform at St Christopher's Academy. This has been the culmination of a consultation of parents and carers, careful consideration of statutory guidance and thorough and challenging conversations with governors at meetings this term.

This included:

- A parent and carer survey to seek feedback on our existing policy in June
- Comparing our policy to recommendations made by the Department for Education
- Drafting a reviewed policy, seeking to incorporate your recommendations and address any concerns that you expressed in the survey
- Taking into account feedback to this draft in the form of emails from parents
- Taking this to a meeting of the Local Committee of the Board (governors) and discussing this at length
- Responding to feedback from parent governors' feedback and redrafting
- Ratification of the final policy at December's LCB meeting

The primary purpose of uniform at St Christophers Academy is to:

- promote the ethos of a school
- provide a sense of belonging and identity
- set an appropriate tone for education

In particular, our aim is for uniform to contribute to our 'Community of Ambition'. At the same time, we are mindful of the financial demands on parents and carers and have sought to make sure that our policy is comfortable, affordable and inclusive.

Many of you will be pleased to know that our policy has changed very little from the policy that has been in effect at St Christophers Academy for a number of years now. Where there are changes, we are happy to let you know that we will only be asking you to implement these changes from September 2025 e.g. if you have already bought sets of red tights for the year, your child can continue to wear these until the new school year when you will need to buy grey tights instead.

We will be taking this opportunity to take a refreshed approach to following up when children are not following the elements of the policy that are not new e.g. the wearing and type of school shoes. I would like to thank you in advance for your support in this. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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