

31 July 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

You will be aware that we changed our school uniform policy in January, in line with the Government guidance, so that we offer a logo and a non-logo option.

We will continue to offer a logo and a non-logo option next year. However, the only non-logo skirt option that will be permitted is a box-pleat style. This is because it is taking a significant amount of time each day to check uniforms, make sure that our policy is being up-held and ensure that our students look as smart as possible. The decision to move to the box-pleat skirt will remove the confusion with the distinction between a tube skirt and a pencil skirt and ensure that time, at the start of the day, will be spent having positive conversations and accessing precious learning time from the moment students enter the academy.

From September 2023, the guidance on skirts is as follows:

#### Skirts

- must be plain black or the approved Trutex skirt which is logoed or box pleat;
- must be a minimum of 18" in length and the recommended length is 20";
- other styles and fit of skirt including tight-fitting, tube skirts are not acceptable;
- must not be made of jersey, stretch or patterned fabric;
- must be worn with a minimum of plain black 40 denier tights;
- must not be rolled over at the top.

Some examples of appropriate skirts are below:

- Asda pleated skirt £8: [Girls Black Permanent Pleats School Skirt 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)
- Sainsbury's Tu pleated skirt £7: <https://tuclouthing.sainsburys.co.uk/product/tuc133618023>
- Trutex pleated skirt £13.60: [Senior Pleated Stain Resistant School Skirt \(10-16+ Years\)](#)

#### Trousers

- must be plain black and in a tailored formal style;
- must not be cropped, tight/skinny fit, made of stretch or patterned fabric.
- They should not have decorative buttons, buckles or fashion belts;
- jeans, flares, cargo, bootlegged trousers, tracksuit bottoms, jeggings or leggings are not acceptable.

Some examples of appropriate trousers are below:

- Asda trousers £8: [Boys Black Regular Leg School Trousers 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)
- Sainsbury's Tu trousers £9: [Buy Black Trousers 2 Pack - 10 years](#)
- Trutex trousers £14.40: [Senior Boys' Sturdy Fit Stain Resistant School Trousers Black \(11-16+ Years\)](#)
- Trutex trousers £14.40: <https://www.trutex.com/senior-girls-fit-contemporary-stain-resistant-school-trousers-years>
- Sainsbury's Tu trousers £9 :<https://tuclotthing.sainsburys.co.uk/product/tuc128763171>

We continue to offer our 'uniform bundle' to all Year 7 students and these will contain an appropriate skirt. If you wish to buy items, please see the links above.

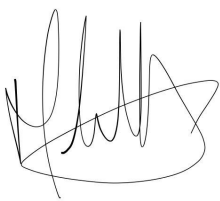
Should you have any queries regarding uniform, please contact your child's Learning Manager. If you are unsure about a garment's suitability, we advise you not to remove any tags/labels and retain your receipt until the item has been checked by a colleague in school. The Principal will retain the final decision.

Trutex and our approved local uniform suppliers will continue to sell logoed trousers and skirts. You may wish to consider them when purchasing non-logoed school trousers and skirts. Trutex will also continue to offer their Pre-Loved uniform initiative. More details can be found by visiting [www.Trutex.com](http://www.Trutex.com) and using the school code LEA00940SC.

Families experiencing difficulties in paying for uniform and school shoes may wish to make an application to the school's discretionary Hardship Fund, available to all registered full-time school students. Please speak to your child's Learning Manager or find further information [here](#).

We welcome your support in ensuring that your child continues to wear the correct uniform as specified above.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Colledge-Smith  
Principal

