



Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parent/Carers,

### **School Uniform Changes**

We believe our uniform should instil a sense of identity, pride and belonging. We want our children to be comfortable in school as well as ensuring high standards and consistency. A smart uniform presents an image of high standards and high expectations. I'm sure you agree that this is what you want for your child.

***"School uniform supports effective teaching and learning and engenders a positive, calm and respectful teaching and learning environment." (Department for Education)***

### **Why have we decided to review our uniform?**

- It doesn't look smart enough
- There are many variations of the current uniform – lack of consistency
- A mixture of sweatshirts and knitwear
- Range of shades of white/grey polo shirts
- Range of black and grey trousers
- Range of black/grey skirts

We have recently consulted with our staff, children and parents with regard to the changes we wish to introduce. Unlike other schools locally we are introducing minor changes and we have, so far, received positive comments from the parents who came along to the consultation meetings.

We are proposing to change from a white polo shirt to a shirt and tie and from a round neck to a V-neck jumper. We have been very mindful of the cost implications and want to keep this to a minimum. The difference between a 3 pack of white polo t-shirts and the cost of white shirts is between £1 and £1.50. However, over time, I do believe that it is more cost effective as the polo t-shirts very quickly become dis-coloured. We ask that when purchasing school trousers or skirts that you choose dark grey in order for it to be more consistent.

### **When will this be implemented?**

The new school uniform will be phased in to ease costs for parents. We are also aware that some parents may have already purchased uniform for September and if is the case please continue to use these until they next need replaced.

### **September 2019**

New children and families to St. Elizabeth's will wear the new uniform along with any families who wish to wear the uniform immediately.

### **September 2020**

All children to wear the new uniform.

Below are photos of what the uniform will look like and I am sure you will agree it is very smart indeed.

All children across school voted for their favourite tie and both May and Joseph agreed to be our models!



Please note that the V-neck jumper will have the school logo embroidered on it.

### Free Tie

We will be providing all children with a new school tie. Should you choose to move to the new uniform this September, you will be able to claim your free tie from the office. Ties will be elasticated but we will also have a small number of ordinary ties too should you wish your child to learn the skill of tying a tie!

### Prices

Cardigans £13

V-neck sweatshirts £10

39" ties £3

14" clip on ties £4

Elastic ties £4.50.

### Availability

New uniform (jumpers, cardigans and ties) will be available to purchase from the school office by the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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