

Church of England Secondary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

We are proud of our standards of school uniform as a result of a high degree of cooperation between parents/carers, students and the Academy. We are firm believers in a school uniform that is properly and consistently worn and believe that this helps young people to develop a pride in themselves and their school. Wearing a school uniform helps students to feel part of our community and ensure that there this is no discrimination.

The government are committed to ensuring that school uniform costs are reasonable, and parents/carers get the best value for money. As such, we have limited our logo branded items to a minimum and provide suggestions of where non-branded items can be purchased. We also review the cost and quality of our logo branded items.

To support our families further, we would like to make available second-hand uniform items, which will not only help support families in need but also help towards achieving net zero carbon emissions. In the UK, an estimated 350,000 tonnes of clothes end up in landfill every year and encouraging families to use second-hand uniform can reduce waste and bring down emissions from manufacturing new garments, while making it cost-effective for families.

In order to make this possible, we are requesting donations of second-hand uniform. These include:

- Blazers
- Ties
- Shirts/blouses
- Skirts/trousers
- lumpers
- PE kit

All donations should be of a good condition and washed. Please drop second-hand uniform items at the main office in a suitable carrier bag with the sizes of the items clearly identifiable.

With your support, we can support our families who are most in need and at the same contribute towards reducing carbon emissions.

Yours faithfully

Teresa Pendleton Vice Principal Inclusion

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