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Re: Changes to School Uniform Policy

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we recently communicated we would be making some changes to our school uniform. The updated school uniform policy is now available on our website, if you require a printed copy please let us know. On our website you will also find the updated school uniform list and a school uniform price comparison.

https://www.alvestoncofeprimary.co.uk/web/school_uniform/516899.

School uniform provides many benefits for the school community, but importantly it provides our children with a sense of belonging. It is important that our school uniform does not discriminate, for example based on gender, race or disability, but also on financial capability. We have reviewed our policy with a focus on practicality and affordability. We attach a document sharing the benefits of school uniform, which can also be found on our website.

We recently amended the school uniform to allow children to wear fully plain black trainers instead of school shoes. In addition, from September we will be asking children to come to school in their PE kit on PE days, we will be making a school uniform coat a compulsory item and we would like children to continue to use a school book bag. Rucksacks will no longer be permitted.

PE Kit: Whilst the PE kit will need to comply with uniform requirements, wearing it to school will reduce the number of uniform items required and reduce the amount of kit carried into and left at school. Importantly, as children will no longer need to change in and out of their kit, this will also provide more time for PE. Your child's class teacher will confirm which day your child has their PE lesson/s in the first week of each school term.

School Coat: It is important to us that each and every child has a warm, waterproof coat for school and sadly this is not always achievable for all families. We have therefore completed extensive research on a warm, waterproof and affordable coat. As a result, we have been able to bring a new school uniform supplier on board, who provides value for money on all uniform items. We understand that a school uniform coat is a new item, however we hope that the cost of the coat will be offset by the potential savings afforded by this new policy.

For example:

- new school uniform supplier providing most items significantly cheaper than others (prices between 14% and 25% cheaper than current cheapest supplier, please see table on the next page)
- no longer requiring school shoes and trainers, (potential saving between £15 and £50 on school shoes)
- purchasing less uniform due to the PE kit being worn all day on PE days
- no requirement for branded items, other than the coat
- not needing to replace expensive rucksacks each September to keep up with the smiggles!

Please note, the older version of the school coat is still acceptable uniform. If your child's previous school uniform coat still fits, they may of course also continue to wear this.

Considering all of these changes, please do let us know if you have any comments, queries or concerns.

If you haven't yet seen the coat and would like to, please email admin3002@welearn365.com and we can arrange for it to be at the gate at pick up on a convenient day.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Clewley
Head Teacher



We now have three suppliers of Alveston school uniform and have provided a comparison of prices below.

NSC		Brigade		Your School Uniform	
https://alcesternsc.co.uk/		http://www.brigade.uk.com/		https://yourschooluniform.com/	
Size 28" Sweatshirt:	£12.50	Size 28" Sweatshirt:	£9.95	Size 28" Sweatshirt:	£14.95
Size 28" Sweatshirt cardigan:	£13.50	Size 28" Sweatshirt cardigan:	£11.55	Size 28" Sweatshirt cardigan:	£15.95
Size 28" Polo shirt:	£9.95	Size 28" Polo shirt:	£7.95	Size 28" Polo shirt:	£11.95
Size 28" PE t-shirt:	£5.95	Size 28" PE t-shirt:	£5.99	Size 28" PE t-shirt:	£5.50
Expandable book bag:	£7.95	Expandable book bag:	£5.94	Expandable book bag:	£7.80
Winter Parka Coat:	£22.95	Winter Parka Coat:	£19.95	Winter Parka Coat:	£24.75
Standard Delivery (or free pick up from shop in Alcester):	£9.00	Standard Delivery:	£3.99	Standard Delivery:	£3.99