

FURLEY PARK PRIMARY ACADEMY

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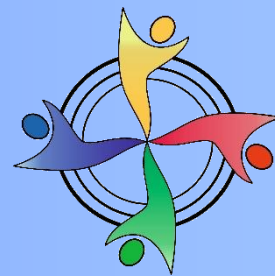
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the very best experience for our children, and with our commitment to quality play, we have been reviewing our uniform policy to ensure pupils are able to be as active, comfortable and engaged as possible throughout the school day.

Following this review, we would like to propose a small number of changes to our school uniform, designed to improve comfort, practicality and affordability, while maintaining a smart appearance.

Proposed changes:

- Shirts and ties will no longer be required. Instead, children will wear a plain white polo shirt. This does not need to have a school logo, making it a more affordable and practical option for families while still ensuring children look smart.
- Footwear: Children may wear plain black trainers instead of black school shoes. Please note that these must be completely plain black. Any footwear that does not meet this expectation will not be accepted and they will be requested to revert back to a suitable school shoe.
- Other uniform items remain unchanged: Children to continue to wear charcoal grey skirts, shorts or trousers. However, we would recommend trousers/shorts as a more practical option to support active play. There are now many appropriate types of school trouser, with various materials being used.

Further to the above, we are also going to implement a slight change to the PE kit. We are proposing to change the yellow PE top to purple. Each year, we find that yellow tops attract a large number of insects, which can be unpleasant for the children. The move to purple will help avoid this issue.

Transition period:

We understand that families may already have purchased uniform items. Therefore, we will introduce these changes gradually.

- A transition period will run from now until Christmas. I am happy for ties to go with immediate effect.
- During this time, please do not feel under any pressure to replace current uniform items.
- We recommend making changes only as existing items are outgrown or need replacing.

Our aim is to ensure that these changes are both practical and considerate of families, while supporting our vision of a more active school day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs E Collip
Head of School

