

West Park

'A caring school where we put pupils and their achievement first'

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of term, the break is often an opportunity for parents and carers to replace any missing or outgrown uniform. With that in mind, now is a good time to send a reminder regarding uniform. Can we ask you please to take the time to read the information below.

Our uniform is in line with the Department for Education's guidance on uniform and, in comparison to almost all other schools in Derby City, and indeed nationally, our uniform is more accessible, cheaper and provides more comfort for children, whilst still being smart and appropriate for a workplace environment. We do not insist on any of the items being branded and the specific items we request in terms of style or fit are easily accessible.

Could we please ask parents and carers to ensure that pupils are in full and correct uniform and use the following link to our uniform policy should you need to check before you buy. Link to uniform policy

Can we take this opportunity to stress that shops will put anything black in the school uniform section, particularly a multitude of styles of trousers to increase sales. This does not mean that they comply with our uniform policy, please check before you purchase if you are unsure.

A particular issue is the aforementioned trousers, with many fashion styles and lines being brought into uniform sections; these are not appropriate for school wear. Can we politely request that all pupils are in a correct pair of black school trousers or a pleated skirt for January.

Please note that the following are not school trousers and do not comply with our policy:

- Leggings any style of, with or without zips or buttons.
- Jeggings
- Flared leggings/jeggings
- Flares
- Chinos
- Jersey trousers

If you are unsure as to what are appropriate school trousers, the following link shows an example. School trousers example

Please note, we are not suggesting these are the trousers you should buy, plenty of other stockists are available, this is merely an appropriate example to guide anyone who is unsure.

Many thanks for your support.

Kind regards

Scott McGregor

Head