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24th February 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Uniform Update

Following a review of our uniform suppliers through a tender process we are pleased to announce that for the academic year 2016/17 our authorised uniform suppliers are:

- **Shareen Fashions (456 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton. Tel: 0161 861 9115)**
- **John McHugh (Stretford Arndale Shopping Centre. Tel: 0161 865 3142)**

The above suppliers were chosen following a review of price, quality and service and we feel that they complement each other well. Shareen Fashions is a Chorlton based family business and we hope will be an option for local parents who aren't able to or don't wish to travel far to purchase their uniform. John McHugh is a short bus or car journey away and also provides Sunday opening, an online purchasing service and a payment plan option so you can spread the cost of purchasing uniform over a period of time.

Parents should ensure that uniform is purchased only from our authorised suppliers for the next academic year. We are working closely with both suppliers to ensure that the uniform sold from both stores is of the quality we would expect and that it is consistent across both stores. If you purchase uniform from unauthorised locations you are at risk of purchasing a product that doesn't meet our uniform policy, which may mean that you would have to purchase new uniform items.

Following a consultation with the School Council we are also making some changes to uniform from September 2016 as follows:

- A new knitted jumper in place of the current sweatshirt, plus a cardigan option in the same material. The jumper is made from a 50% cotton 50% acrylic mix and trials have shown that it holds its colour and quality much better than the current jumpers.
- A designated school skirt – students will be able to choose from 2 different styles which are both available in a range of lengths. The school skirt will be branded with a small black version of the school logo to identify it as an authorised school skirt.
- A number of new PE items which will largely be the optional purchase items (trousers, jumper, skirt/shorts combination). More information will be communicated on these changes after Easter.

These changes will be compulsory for all new Year 7 students from September 2016 and for all other students from January 2017. This is with the exception of next year's Year 11 students (current Year 10) who do not have to purchase the new items unless they wish to.

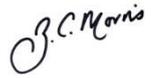
Parents should be mindful of the forthcoming changes if replacing uniform items over the coming months. The

new items will be in both stores prior to the summer holiday, please contact the suppliers directly to check if they have them in stock. Current students are permitted to wear any of the new items prior to September 2016 should they wish.

Further detailed uniform information will be available during the summer term.

If you have any questions or feedback on the forthcoming changes please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z. Morris'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'Z'.

Ms. Z. Morris
Headteacher