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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your responses to the school uniform questionnaire emailed to pupils, parents and staff on 30th November 2016. We are now in a position to share the results of the survey which you will find on the school website. We had an excellent response to the survey, 860 people with over 380 making additional comments. These were both positive and negative which reflected the various opinions on the proposed changes.

Following the questionnaire, we would like to inform you of the decisions we have made with regard to the school uniform. Most of the uniform rules will remain the same apart from the following:

* All pupils will continue to wear a tie and the design of the ties will remain the same (including prefects and senior prefects).

* All pupils will have a 'new – style' blazer which is slightly more fitted, more up to date and more flattering for various figures.

* Boys will continue to wear standard plain black trousers (no fashion / jeans style)

* Girls will continue to wear white socks or black opaque tights.

* Girls will now have to wear the standard 'uniform' plain grey skirt which **MUST** be purchased from one of our uniform suppliers.

Our reasons for this are that currently the skirts vary in many ways including style, shade, length and quality of fabric. We, as a school want to maintain our high standards and feel that the girls' skirts have been letting us down.

The new uniform rules for the Year 7 intake in September 2017 will be compulsory. However, we understand that you may have purchased uniform items with the expectation of them lasting longer than a year. We would therefore ask that when you purchase new uniform items, you purchase the items specified by the school from our suppliers to ensure that our standards are maintained. We would expect that non-standard skirts would be phased out by September 2018 at the latest. After this we will insist on the correct style being worn by all girls.

Please feel free to discuss individual circumstances with me if you envisage any problems in the future.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Morgan Deputy Headteacher

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