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Dear Parents/Carers

**School Uniform – Jumper Colour Change**

We are writing to advise you that we will be changing the uniform requirements from September.

The new statutory government guidance on the cost of school uniforms says that schools and their governing bodies need to ensure that their uniform is affordable. It also says that single supplier contracts should be avoided.

The colour and the embroidered logo mean that we can only source the jumper/cardigan from a very small number of suppliers and the cost to parents is comparatively high as a result. Some parents have also raised concerns about the durability of the current jumpers/cardigans.

After careful deliberation, the governing body has decided that from the start of the new academic year, we will be phasing out the emerald green jumpers/cardigans with the embroidered logo. Instead, children will be expected to wear a plain bottle (dark) green jumper or cardigan (no logo).



This darker green colour is widely available from supermarkets/high street stores and will represent significantly better value for parents.

We do not expect parents to replace existing jumpers/cardigans immediately and we will be selling the remaining stock at a discounted price in the coming weeks.

The rest of our uniform remains unchanged.

With best wishes,

Catherine Doberska (Mrs)  
Headteacher

Rosalind Doctor (Mrs)  
Chair of Governors