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For Parents and Carers

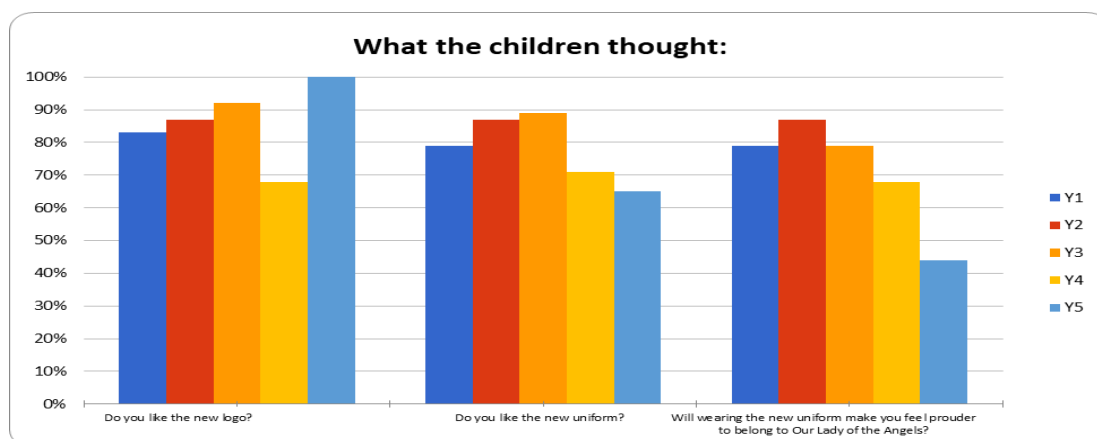
Uniform Update

Please find the results of our uniform consultation and the proposed new uniform with effect from September 2018. Please note this will **not** become compulsory until **January 2019**.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to this consultation. Altogether we had 78 responses.

- 93% of the responses were positive about the new school logo considering it to reflect the school's spiritual ethos effectively.
- 75% of the responses were positive that the new uniform would reflect the current direction of the school more effectively than the current uniform. Many cited that they believed it was time for a change.
- 77% of the responses were positive that the new uniform was affordable and represented good value for money.

The children were extremely positive about the new uniform. The graph below represents their responses.



Although we have not been able to accommodate everyone's preferences, we have listened to the majority voice and made changes accordingly. The main concerns received were around the safety and practicality considerations of a tie for younger children and a cardigan or pinafore dress for girls. I am pleased to inform you therefore, that having considered your feedback, we are making five changes to our initial proposals.

1. A clip-on tie will be available to purchase as a preferred option to a traditional tie.
2. A cardigan, with a logo and stripe to the neck, will be available as an alternative option to the jumper. This may be worn throughout the year.
3. Children in the **Reception** class may choose the option of a polo shirt with the school logo rather than a shirt and tie in their first year at the school. This may be used as a PE top in subsequent years.
4. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 may wear a pinafore dress providing it is made from a non-stretchy fabric.
5. The school will buy back (at a maximum of 40% of the purchase price) any school specific items from children that leave the school before September 2019 - providing they are in resaleable condition.

The uniform from September 2018 will therefore be as follows:

Official Our Lady of the Angels grey V-neck jumper or cardigan with stripe and new logo

Only available from Riviera Schooldays. Substitutes, even of the same colour or design, are not permitted.

Official Our Lady of the Angels tie

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Plain, white, collared shirt

No logos, designs or patterns are permitted. Short sleeve or ¾ arm length versions may be worn.

Dark grey trousers or shorts

Trousers and shorts can be worn by girls and boys. Trousers or shorts made from a stretchy material e.g. cotton jersey are not permitted.

Dark grey skirt or pinafore (Reception and KS1 only)

All skirts should have at least one pleat. Skirts or pinafores that are made from a stretchy material e.g. cotton jersey are not permitted. Pencil skirts or skirts with splits are not permitted.

Summer dress

Girls may wear a blue (not navy) gingham dress or playsuit during the summer months but must revert to winter uniform by the October half term.

Black leather or faux leather shoes

These must be shoe design only, with slip-on, Velcro or lace fastenings and flat heels. Boots, sandals or trainers are not permitted. The footwear must be entirely black throughout, including sole, uppers, stitching and any piping. No logos or designs are permitted.

Plain socks/tights

Socks must be completely plain black, or plain grey throughout; trainer socks are not permitted. Girls may wear plain white ankle or knee length socks or plain grey tights if they wish. Leggings or 'footless tights' are not permitted as a substitute for tights under any circumstances.

PE Kit

Children should wear a plain white polo shirt and black shorts. A white polo shirt with a logo is available from Riviera Schooldays. Although a school top does make it easier to identify the children when we attend other schools for interschool matches, this is **not** compulsory. Black plimsolls or trainers may be worn. Trainers are encouraged, particularly in Key Stage Two as they provide better support during physical activity.

Bookbags and PE Bags

These will be available to purchase at Riviera Schooldays in the new colours and with the new logo but are **not** compulsory. Children may continue to use green book and PE bags.

It is acknowledged and appreciated that, even though we have tried to keep the costs down as much as possible, any change in school uniform involves additional expense for parents. However, we hope that you agree that these changes will ensure the smarter appearance of the children and ensure that they wear their uniform with pride. Alongside setting and maintaining high standards in safety, behaviour, engagement in learning, children's progress and teaching, please be reassured that the uniform policy will be implemented and maintained consistently for all children.

As the consultation process is now complete the designs will be sent for manufacture – we will let you know as soon as items are in stock at Riviera Schooldays. It is anticipated that this will take 5-6 weeks.

Thank you for your support.