



## Minutes of Parents' Forum 17.05.2024

Present: Mrs Seymour (Headteacher), Parent

### Agenda item: School Uniform policy

Parent attending saw school uniform as good value for money with the school logoed items are good quality and therefore last longer than some supermarket brands.

The policy is clear about uniform expectations. It was agreed that the uniform list is not written in a gender specific way. This includes PE kit.

The pre-loved uniform donated by parents and sold through the Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) was deemed not only good value, but also good for reducing climate changing emissions.

The parent attending liked the school uniform colour scheme which was better than some other local school uniform colours. The parent liked that there is a choice of colour of socks/tights within the school colours (navy/grey/white).

The parent agreed that the reference to jewellery was important for safety reasons.

Question: Are plimsolls necessary when the children have trainers?

Plimsolls are used to ensure children get from the classroom to the hall safely. Plimsolls are easier to put on bare feet. Older pupils tend to wear their trainers.

Question: Why can't children wear boots in the winter?

This is because children are very uncomfortable when they are sitting in boots on the carpet and in assembly. Pupils can wear wellingtons, in wet weather, and change into shoes at school.

Question: Are track suits necessary?

All PE lessons should be active. We teach children that we need to change clothing for sports for safety and hygiene reasons. Therefore, we want to avoid children wearing their school jumpers and cardigans for outdoor PE.

### **Agreed actions**

Class teachers to add information about plimsolls onto the transition booklet so each year group will know if plimsolls are required to avoid parents buying unnecessary footwear.

The policy currently states 'a navy-blue tracksuit may also be useful'. This will be strengthened by 'A navy-blue tracksuit may be useful during colder weather as children are taught the importance of changing for safety and hygiene reasons.'

Add information about a one-piece swimwear being required in Years 3 & 4.