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Dear Parents and Carers

### School Uniform

During this term many of you will start to purchase new uniform for the start of the academic year in September. It is therefore important that we all have a shared understanding of the school uniform at Tarporley, enabling you to make informed choices about the correct purchases for your child.

We have a particular concern with the very short length of skirts being worn to school by some of the girls. There are also a small number of girls that are currently wearing tight, straight skirts that are inappropriate and will need to be replaced. When purchasing skirts for next year I would like everyone to be clear about what constitutes an acceptable garment for a school uniform skirt here at Tarporley High School:

- A school skirt should be grey, plain style school wear (available from school)
- Tight and undersized skirts are NOT acceptable, this includes stretch cotton/jersey skirts and tight skirts with splits on the side
- A school skirt should be no shorter than 4" (10cm) above the knee

We are aware from feedback both from girls and their parents that some girls are experiencing peer pressure from others to wear a very short skirt or to alter the look of their skirt by rolling up the waistband. We would welcome your support, in the face of this peer pressure, to ensure that all students continue to wear their uniform within the acceptable boundaries.

Please find below a list of the uniform that will be required from September to enable you to plan any new uniform purchases:

- Shirt – light blue, school uniform style, short-sleeved or long-sleeved shirt
- School tie
- Blazer - navy blue with a school badge
- Jumper - plain navy blue V- neck jumper or a plain navy blue standard school wear style cardigan underneath the blazer as an optional extra layer. These can only be worn under the blazer, not instead of the blazer
- Trousers - grey, standard school wear only. No jean-style trousers, jeggings, leggings or bootlegs and no attached wide or decorative belts
- Skirts – grey, plain style school wear like those available in the school uniform shop. Standard length, no shorter than 4 inches/10cm above the knee. No stretch tube-style skirts. No fashion styles
- Socks – white or grey ankle socks for girls; grey ankle socks for boys; plain design. No knee socks
- Tights – **grey only**
- Shoes – **plain black, flat or low heeled** suitable for school wear. No boots, trainers, patent leather, canvas shoes, sandals, or large decorative buckles, bows etc
- Top coat - as appropriate for school wear, plain with a front fastening, dark-coloured, without large logos

## School Uniform Shop

We have broadened the stock we hold to include skirts and tights. We recommend that you purchase skirts from the school as we stock a range of sizes and lengths that will enable all girls to meet our expectations of a "standard length" i.e. no shorter than 4 inches above the knee.

Items available from the School Uniform Shop:

Blue Blazer with Badge	£30
Blazer Badge	£5
Grey School Skirt	£13
Grey Tights (two per pack)	£4 - £6
School Tie	£5
All PE items	

The Uniform Shop is open during term time on a Tuesday and Thursday from 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm. However, most of the uniform items are now available to buy on line via the school payments facility on the School's website. In the Summer Holidays our opening hours are 8.30 am – 3.30 pm (3.00 pm on Friday) but due to staff holidays we will be closed from Thursday 28th July until Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

The school has blazers available in all sizes and parents and students are encouraged to come to school and try them on. **Although we have a high number of blazers in stock, should we need to place any further orders, our final date for ordering to ensure delivery before the start of next term is Friday 15th July.**

I hope that this uniform information is helpful and thank for your support in making sure that your son or daughter has the correct uniform.

Yours sincerely



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