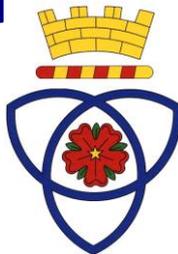


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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who responded to our uniform review and questionnaire.

We have looked carefully at the responses and have taken feedback from parents who have kindly trialled the sweatshirt material cardigans and jumpers.

The responses to the questionnaire showed that:

65% of parents were happy with the affordability of the uniform
75% of parents were unhappy with the quality of jumpers from Tesco
73% of parents were unhappy with the service provided by Tesco
95% of parents said they would be happy or didn't mind if school sourced an alternative supplier for uniform.

The feedback from the newer style sweatshirts and cardigans has been extremely positive. The clothing washed really well and did not shrink. Children said they were comfortable to wear and the girls particularly liked the pockets on the cardigans.

As a result of these responses, school will begin a long transition from the wool jumpers to a new style cardigan and V neck sweatshirt. There is no time limit for this change and parents should not feel a need to purchase any additional uniform or replace any current uniform.

The feedback from parents has been extremely positive regarding the samples given out earlier this half term and from this school has decided to make Broadbents in Middleton our preferred local supplier of uniform. Of course, if you wish you may still purchase the blue V neck sweatshirts, cardigans from Asda etc. It is not a requirement of our school uniform that it is purchased from Broadbents or that it includes the school logo.

School has been in contact with Broadbents during this period of monitoring and they have assured us that they will hold all the prices for our parents as they have placed orders for the forthcoming year. Ties will be available and a choice of standard, elasticated and Velcro can be chosen. Jumpers and cardigans will cost £9.95 with ties costing £3.95. This is slightly less than what Tesco charged when you add the deliver charge on.

A few parents commented on shirts and the difficulties that they're having with washing and buttoning them up. However, our youngest children in Reception and Y1 seem to be getting to grips with this now and we feel, as so do many parents, that the shirts look a lot smarter.

Thanks in advance for your continued support and we do feel that this change will continue to promote a sense of pride in the school and continue to have a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

