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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Crofton School Uniform Changes from September 2018

Thank you to all those parents and students who shared their views on our school uniform during our recent consultation. Although school uniform is a topic that will always generate a range of opinions, I am pleased to note that the vast majority of responses were highly supportive of school uniform in general, and the specific elements of Crofton School uniform. As a result, following discussion with Governors, we have decided not to make any major changes, only implementing the two changes proposed in the consultation, as these were broadly supported by the feedback we received.

Therefore, from September 2018 we will move from grey to black for skirts and trousers, specifically:

- Black tailored skirts (to be no shorter than 1 inch above the middle of the knee, with no side slits). Stretch jersey 'tube' skirts and 'skater' style skirts are not acceptable.
- Black 'traditional' trousers (not wide, tightly fitting, flared, low waistband or 'hipster'. Leggings, elasticated material and denim materials are not permitted).

For shoes we will be allowing greater flexibility in style of shoe, so the guidance is now that they should be sturdy leather, or leather look, plain black footwear without prominent logos. Boots, high heeled shoes, canvas shoes, backless shoes and stiletto heels should not be worn.

Some of the feedback we received asked for greater clarity in our explanation of expectations. We have therefore taken this opportunity to simplify the remainder of the guidelines to hopefully make them clearer for everyone. I have attached a copy for your reference and this will also be displayed on the school website and in student planners.

We do understand that any changes to the school uniform, no matter how minor, can present challenges for parents. We hope that by communicating these well before the end of term you will have time to purchase any new items ahead of the start of the autumn term. However, to make this easier, there will be a transition year so that students can continue to wear grey trousers/skirts until September 2019.

We hope these changes are clear and manageable for parents and will ensure Crofton students continue to wear their uniform with pride. Please do not hesitate to contact us before the end of the summer term if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



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