



HALSTEAD ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I wanted to take a moment to give you an update about the new Halstead St Andrew's uniform.

We are delighted that the new uniform is beginning to arrive from our suppliers and are very happy with the items. I hope that you have had a chance to look at some of the items that are on display at Church Hill House and Woodham Rise. After much input, including from the parent body, we hope you are happy with the final products and that you and the children are excited and the children will be proud to wear the new uniform from September.

With our new Head, Mr Ward, arriving in September and the roll out of the new uniform, it will really set us on the next path in our school development and will help bring that one-school feel.

This year has seen a great deal of transition for pupils, parents and staff, however, as we start the next academic year, we are keen to build on our identity and sense of belonging, therefore request that all pupils wear the new uniform from September. This has been decided in consultation with Mr Ward and the Governors. Current school uniforms cannot be worn to school from September.

We are very aware and sensitive that the new uniform has added cost implications and have been mindful of cost. To this end, whilst we encourage the new kit, there will be flexibility to wear the current PE kit for the next academic year, across the school, with the new PE kit becoming compulsory in September 2025.

To ensure consistency across the school, we request that all pupils wear their school-year appropriate uniform as per the attached lists.

All items will be available to purchase via our dedicated store on SchoolBlazer.com, with a webpage for each year group, from the end of June. We will be in touch with you once this is live. We are aware that certain items can be purchased elsewhere at a more competitive price for example, jogging bottoms for Nursery, school shirts/blouses, socks, tights and base layers, however, we ask that you ensure that the colours and style match our new uniform. The price list explains items which can be bought elsewhere.

Some items may overlap, for example, Year 2 may wear a pinafore or a skirt, Year 3 may have a book bag or backpack, but we will explain further when everything is ready to purchase.

I hope you are as excited as we are about the new uniform and bringing the entire community together. I thank you for your patience and will be in touch in the near future with an update.

For now, I hope this helps with forward planning for the next academic year. If you have any questions, please do let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M G Eaton
Acting Head