



**STOCKSBRIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL**
— This is Just the Start —

16 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Changes to Uniform Purchases for the Academic Year 2021/2022

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to inform you of a number of changes to our school uniform and invite you to be part of a parental consultation.

I wrote to you last July to give a rationale for uniform expectations. This letter can be found in the parent section of our website. After speaking with parents this year; myself, the Pastoral Team and the Senior Leadership Team believe that, moving forward, we need to make our uniform expectations even clearer.

In order to facilitate this, and to keep the cost of our uniform affordable, from September 2021 we will be expecting parents/carers to buy school trousers and skirts from Pinders, our school supplier. This way, we will be able to ensure the following:

- There is complete clarity on trousers/skirts and only items purchased from Pinders will be acceptable in school.
- We are able to ensure that the cost of uniform is kept to a reasonable amount.
- Parents/Carers will not potentially incur unexpected additional costs for unacceptable uniform

We are currently working with Pinders to schedule some fitting days for next year, where students can find their ideal size before ordering. There are guides on the Pinders website, so any parents who wish to buy uniform in the meantime can do so. Pinders have added these pieces of uniform to their website and can be ordered from now. To ensure all students follow this expectation, there will be a small label sewn into the seam of the uniform by Pinders, so that uniform can be checked by school. This expectation will come into force on 1 September 2021. From this date onwards, the only trousers and skirts that will be permissible in school will be those purchased from Pinders. I trust that the advanced notice of this will help you to prepare for this change in advance. Please follow the link below to purchase this uniform.

<https://pindersschoolwear.com/schools/235/StocksbridgeHigh>

We are also bringing additional clarity to the uniform expectations for students on PE days. A change that will come into force more quickly will be the expectation that students wear a Stocksbridge High School PE hoodie on their PE days. As the majority of students have PE hoodies and wear them currently, this will not affect many students. However, it is important for safeguarding reasons that all students wear uniform throughout the day.



Please contact your child's pastoral team if you feel this will be difficult for whatever reason, so we are able to support where we can.

You will have noticed that we have recently rebranded and now have a new school logo. This means we have an opportunity to discuss any changes to uniform from the Academic Year 2022/2023. I would therefore like to invite parents/carers of Year 7,8 and 9 students to be part of a consultation group on uniform, moving forward. This group will be able to support us in deciding whether to make any key changes to the uniform beyond changing the logo. Any expressions of interest can be made via the enquiries@stocksbridgehigh.sheffield.sch.uk e-mail address.

Finally, we are excited to inform you that we have a number of organisations that will be working with our young people from after the winter break. They will support with a number of issues affecting some of our students including anxiety, behaviour for learning, stress, mental health and wellbeing.

These organisations are called:

Think for the Future www.thinkforthefuture.co.uk/

Unravel www.unravelsupport.co.uk/

Door 43 www.sheffieldfutures.org.uk/projects/door43/

Our pastoral team will be referring students to these organisations if they feel that the support would be beneficial to them. Students may work in groups or have 1:1 sessions. If you think one or more of these organisations would benefit your child, or if you wish your child to opt out of working with these professionals, please contact your child's pastoral team.

Yours faithfully

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