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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are now approaching the second half of our academic year, I wanted to take a moment to emphasise the significance of school uniform and our expectations at Upton that all our children wear it correctly.

School uniform has long been recognised as an essential component of a positive and conducive learning environment. It fosters a sense of unity, equality, and belonging among pupils, promoting a level playing field where everyone is valued for their character rather than their appearance. We believe that adhering to a dress code helps cultivate a sense of discipline and professionalism, preparing our children for the challenges they may face in their future endeavours.

At Upton, our expectation is that every child wears the following:

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Main School Uniform: *Optional School Uniform is highlighted in red*

Item of Clothing	Description
Trousers	Dark grey or black trousers
Skirt:	Dark grey or black skirt
Dress:	Dark grey or black pinafore dress Blue and white checked summer dress <i>(usually worn from Term 5 onwards)</i>
Shorts / Culottes	Tailored grey / black shorts / culottes
Shirt or blouse	White (no polo t-shirts please)
Tie	'House' colour logo on Upton school tie Ties are available via the Schoolwear Centre
Jumper or cardigan:	Navy V-neck jumper, navy cardigan <i>Branded V-neck jumpers are available via the Schoolwear Centre</i>
Blazer (*optional)	Navy blazer, with Upton school logo <i>The school blazer is optional and available via the Schoolwear Centre</i>
Socks or tights	Black, grey, white or navy socks or tights
Shoes	Black shoes (no boots, trainers or sandals) <i>For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels.</i> In winter, children can wear boots or wellies to school and keep them in their locker. They must wear black shoes in school.
School Coat	School colours are preferred (Black, navy, grey)

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At Upton, we believe that wearing the above uniform unites us and reminds us that we are all part of Team Upton. We wear our uniform with pride and believe that 'Look Smart, Think Smart' can only enhance our learning opportunities.

It is our expectation that every child in the school conforms to the above uniform policy and always wears full school uniform. We will be continuing to ensure that all the children at Upton are wearing the right uniform daily. If a child does not come to school correctly, we will lend them black plimsols to wear inside as well as a school tie if necessary.

From Term 4, we will be inviting the children to come to school wearing their PE kit up to two days each week- their PE day and on their swimming day. With this in mind, our expectation is that the children are wearing the correct PE kit, as outlined below.

P.E. Kit Uniform: *Optional School Uniform is highlighted in red*

Essential:

- **Branded House Team Sports T-Shirt** (available via Schoolwear Centre)
OR plain T-Shirt (in House colour: Blue, Green, Red or Yellow)
- Navy hoodie for winter months
- Navy shorts (non-branded)
- Navy tracksuit bottoms (non-branded)
- Black Plimsolls or non-branded training shoes - not fashion shoes (bare feet for gym or dance)

Optional:

- **Branded Upton Sports Hoodie** (Navy and sky blue - available via Schoolwear Centre)
- **Boots may be worn for football or rugby**

Swimming kit:

Full swimming costume / swim shorts & swimming hat (Upton swim hats are available)

No jewellery can be worn for PE or swimming

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As it states above, any warmer garments **MUST** be in navy. There are lots of children starting to wear branded sportswear in a variety of colours. This is not allowed. Please ensure that your child is wearing the right kit. Once again, we will ensure that your child is given a school T Shirt to borrow if they are not wearing the correct kit.

New items and pre-loved items can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre, Margate. We also have a pre-loved rail available in the school office where we ask for a token donation.

Please also remember:

- Long hair should be tied back during the school day (shoulder length+)
- Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.
- Hair accessories should be plain and in school uniform colours
- Make-up, nail varnish, false nails or temporary tattoos are not allowed in school
- Jewellery – in the interests of safety, only stud earrings and a small watch may be worn.

We kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that your child wears the school uniform and PE kit consistently and adheres to our expectations regarding uniform. We understand that there may be occasional circumstances where alternative clothing might be required, such as on designated non-uniform days or for specific events. However, it is crucial to establish a routine where children come to school dressed appropriately in their school uniform or PE kit. By choosing to attend Upton, you commit to follow our school rules and meet our uniform expectations.

We appreciate your ongoing support and collaboration in upholding our school's values and expectations. By collectively embracing the importance of school uniform, we can create an environment that nurtures the growth and development of our children.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Kind regards,

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