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Dear parents/carers,

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY CONSULTATION - OUTCOME

We have now completed our consultation on our school uniform policy, the aim of which was to ensure that we are securing best value for money for parent/carers.

Please find information below regarding the changes that will be made to our policy (from September 2022) in line with the consultation:

We consulted on the following items:	Why?	OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION:
<p>Pupils will no longer need to wear branded polo shirts (with school logo).</p> <p>Instead, they can wear a plain white polo shirt.</p>	<p>This will reduce the cost of this item by at least £2.00 per item.</p>	<p>The consultation with parents/carers was inconclusive, with balanced numbers in favour of either option.</p> <p>POLICY SEPT 2022: Our school policy will indicate a preference for a polo shirt with a school logo. Parents will have the option of a plain polo shirt (without logo) if preferred.</p>
<p>We will no longer have the option of a <u>knitted</u> or <u>sweatshirt</u> cardigan/jumper.</p> <p>Instead, we will only have a <u>sweatshirt</u> cardigan or jumper option.</p>	<p>This will reduce the cost of these items by approximately £8.00 per item.</p> <p><i>Sweatshirt</i> items tend to be more durable and maintain shape better than <i>knitted</i> items over time, saving overall costs of uniform over time.</p>	<p>The consultation with parents/carers was inconclusive, with balanced numbers in favour of either option. A number of parents indicated that a knitted option was a more comfortable option for pupils with additional sensory needs.</p> <p>POLICY SEPT 2022: Our school policy will indicate a preference for a <i>sweatshirt</i> option of cardigan/jumper. Parents will retain the option of a <i>knitted</i> cardigan/jumper if preferred.</p>
<p>We will no longer have the option of a round neck sweatshirt in Early Years.</p> <p>Instead, we will only have a v-neck sweatshirt in Early Years.</p>	<p>This will bring this item in line with other year groups (that require a v-neck cardigan/jumper, rather than round neck option).</p> <p>This will enable Early Years jumpers to be reused into Year 1 and save overall costs of uniform over time.</p>	<p>The consultation with parents/carers indicated that parents are in favour of only having a consistent v-neck option of red school sweatshirt moving forward.</p> <p>POLICY SEPT 2022: Our school policy will include a v-neck version red school jumper only (round neck red school jumper versions will be removed from policy).</p>

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Thank you to those parents who contributed to our consultation. We are proud of the high standards of our school uniform at Sacred Heart School. We hope that in considering the views of parents and carers, and using this information to shape our policy, will ensure our uniform is accessible to all families without compromising on the quality, consistency and high standards we take pride from at Sacred Heart School.

Our school uniform policy for September 2022 has been rigorously reviewed by the school's governing body. Their review has included consideration of the items consulted on above. Our uniform policy for September 2022, and our expectations aligned to this, is to be shared with parents/carers in a separate correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Janet Mullally
Headteacher

