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Dear Parent/Carer,

Uniform – update

Once again, we would like to thank parents for the overwhelming support we have received during the last two years. The move to our new uniform has been an overwhelming success and this is thanks to your support and the hard work of the pastoral team here in school. The changes we initiated were significant but your support has been invaluable; whether this has been emailing, Tweeting or simply ensuring you have followed guidelines in the brochure, we are extremely thankful.

As we would imagine many parents/carers will be shopping for new uniform over the summer, we would like to remind parents of some key points:

- Our full 2017 brochure is available online on our website. Please go to the 'Parents' section and then follow the link to uniform. On here, you'll also find a link to our official supplier as well as further guidance and pictures to help you. There is also a copy of the uniform consequence system on here.
- Trousers must be **loose fitting** both on the leg and around the ankle. The guideline is a minimum of 18cm at the ankle. If your child is wearing trousers with boots, the trousers must be loose fitting over the boot.
- Shoes must be black and polishable. Trainers are not allowed which means no sports logos of any kind (even if they are black). This might include Adidas, Vans, Lonsdale, Nike, Puma but the list is not exhaustive.
- Nails have become an increasing problem in the last year and we would therefore ask parents to be vigilant of this. Nails should be natural and neutral coloured and short in length. Nail art is not allowed. We have found this to be a problem after holidays especially so please ensure your child is ready to start in September. Once again, there are examples on the website and would advise you to check this if unsure.
- Please ensure your child is wearing their jumper/cardigan in September as summer uniform is now over. As ever, we are always monitoring this so if we are lucky to have some nice weather in September, we will text with updates.

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- **Please put names in ALL your child's clothing** (and possessions). We have a steadily increasing pile of lost property, all unlabeled, and such losses risk being a major financial burden to parents.

We were keen from the outset to ensure all stakeholders had their say in the new uniform process and we still firmly believe in this. Following on from parental feedback, we are now allowing patent shoes and following on feedback from a group of Year 10 students, we are currently exploring options with our official supplier with regards to shorts for the summer term. We will keep you updated with developments here.

We always encourage as much as communication as possible with regards to uniform so please do email us uniform@eccoschool.com with questions, pictures and anything else we can help with. Alternatively, you can Tweet us @officialecco . We will be able to answer all of your questions over the summer and would recommend you use this service to ensure we get off to the best start in September. We have already answered over 30 emails from parents checking uniform is acceptable and are always happy to do so if it helps.

Once again, thank you to everyone for the support. Wishing you all a lovely summer and we'll see you in September.

Yours,

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