



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to share an important update about our school uniform. New national legislation within the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill asks schools to reduce the number of branded items and lower uniform costs. We fully support this guidance and would like to explain what this means for your school.

Uniform Policy (from September 2026)

From September our uniform will consist of only a branded jumper. PE T-shirts will remain unchanged though any additional items such as hoodies will be discontinued from September 2026. Students can wear their school sweatshirt over their PE Kit when it is cold.

In September 2027 we will be working with a new uniform supplier, and all primaries within Co-op Academies Trust will have a branded PE T-shirt added to their official uniform. We will be in touch about this over the next year.

All uniform policies, details of unbranded items and supplier details will be on your academy website by Easter.

What does this mean for families?

- Other branded items such as cardigans, blazers etc will be discontinued.
- PE additional items, such as hoodies are being discontinued.
- Over the next year, we will be working to secure a trust-wide uniform provider to help reduce costs further.

Supporting Equality and Inclusion

In our primary schools, we will be encouraging families to choose trousers as everyday uniforms for girls.

Research shows that practical uniform options:

- Support active play
- Build confidence
- Help children fully participate in learning

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Trousers allow children to move more freely during playtimes, lessons and PE, helping them feel comfortable throughout the school day.

This approach reflects our commitment to equality and inclusion, while still allowing families choice.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,
Chris Tomlinson

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