



**SARUM
ACADEMY**

28th April 2017

Dear Parents

Look smart, think smart!

Just before the Easter break the Governing Body ratified the Academy's Uniform Policy for September 2017. The changes were proposed by the School Council in the Autumn Term under a clear mandate that the Uniform needed to be **their idea, cheaper and readily available**. The process is best explained in the letter below from the School Council:

Dear Parents

*The School Council has been asking pupils about any changes that they would like to take place in the Academy, and the most requested was to change our uniform. We took on board the views of the pupils and staff regarding the current school uniform and it was felt that a more **mature and professional uniform would best represent Sarum Academy**. We took this information to the council, and after careful consideration, and voting, the School Council unanimously agreed with the views and opinions of the Academy and we decided to move forward with the changes. We assembled a team of four School Council members who spoke to Miss Higgins, the Director of Business and Finance, who arranged a meeting with the uniform suppliers and they were happy to accommodate the changes.*

The School Council, staff and pupils of Sarum Academy look forward to the changes to the uniform and we hope we can rely on your support.

Yours sincerely

The School Council

Please find attached to this letter the Academy Uniform List for September 2017. The changes are briefly outlined below:

- Navy trousers and skirts will remain.
- You will no longer need to purchase branded polo shirts – white shirts are very available and cheap to purchase.
- Navy blazer – This can be purchased from Skoolkit at a cost of £27.99 which includes the Academy badge, or alternatively at Asda for £12.00 with an 'iron-on' badge available from Skoolkit at a cost of £5.00.
- Ties are only available from Skoolkit and are in house colours at a cost of £5.25. A stock of both the ties and badges will be available to purchase at the Academy from after half-term.
- Jumpers are available as an option during the winter months to be worn underneath the blazers.

Academy Uniform List Years 7-11

Main Uniform

- White shirt long or short sleeved
- Plain navy blue blazer with Sarum Academy logo* - *Blazers and badges* can be purchased separately. Blazers can be purchased from other retailers other than Skoolkit.*
- Academy tie in House Colours*
- Navy blue trousers (plain fabric – uniform style - not denim, cords or jeans style)
- Navy blue skirt, no shorter than 3cm above the knee. The skirt can be pleated or straight but must not cling to the body. The material must not be denim or jersey

Optional

- Plain navy blue V-necked jumper with embroidered Sarum Academy logo*
- In order to conform to religious requirements, girls may wear a plain navy blue headscarf

General

- Plain navy blue or black socks or plain navy blue or black tights
- Plain black, low-heeled school shoes. No trainers, trainer like shoes or boots are permitted in the Academy

PE UNIFORM

Summer

- Sarum Academy short sleeved sports shirt with embroidered logo*
- Sarum Academy plain navy blue shorts
- Black or navy blue sports leggings (not just normal leggings or tights) for girls. *These must be worn with Sarum Academy PE shorts over the top*

Winter

- Sarum Academy long sleeved reversible sports shirt*
- Sarum Academy navy blue tracksuit trousers with purple stripe*
- Black or navy blue sports leggings (not just normal leggings or tights) for girls. *These must be worn with Sarum Academy PE shorts over the top*
- Navy blue or black long sleeved sports base layer (for extra warmth if required)

General PE Uniform

- Long navy blue socks
- Trainers with soles that do not leave marks (not fashion trainers)
- Pupils who are unable to take part in PE due to injury must bring their PE kit with them and change into it prior to the lesson

*These are only available through Sarum Academy uniform official suppliers Skoolkit www.skoolkit.co.uk

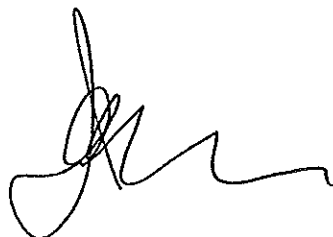
It is vital we listen to the views of pupils, but as a parent of four school age children I appreciate that uniform can be an expensive proposition all at once and we have attempted to keep things practical and simple.

- Uniform is available to purchase from this date.
- All items are available online for home delivery or instore collection.
- A stock of ties and badges will be available to purchase from Pupil Services after the May half-term.
- The blazers are machine washable and crease resistant. They do not shrink.
- Navy trousers, blazers and skirts are cheap to purchase and you can continue to use these items which are already part of the uniform.
- If you already have polo shirts, this is not a problem, these can be worn for PE as an alternative to the PE top.
- I have set aside a Hardship Fund for uniform purchases as usual. If you feel you qualify please let me know directly.

To finish I would like to echo the words of the School Council and look forward to the changes to uniform and hope we can rely on your support. You will see the Academy going from strength to strength and these changes reflect our ambition to be the best we can be. In September we will be bringing back the whole school photograph, I look forward to this milestone as we stand proudly together.

Enjoy the bank holiday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jonathan Curtis', written in a cursive style.

Mr Jonathan Curtis
Headteacher