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Dear Parents/Carers

Our uniform is designed to make life straightforward for our pupils and to allow them to work easily and safely so that they can make learning their priority. We know that a high standard of uniform has a positive impact on behaviour in school and on making a calm, purposeful working environment for all pupils. When pupils are dressed in the correct school uniform, they are positive role models for their peers and present a positive and impressive image of the school in the local community.

Fashion statements are a distraction at best, and can prove to be a hindrance or safety hazard in the work place and in school. For some, fashion issues create rivalry and even bullying behaviours. At the moment a number of pupils are ignoring the uniform code: wearing very short skirts, tight trousers and jeans and canvas shoes, for example, do undermine the high standards we are constantly working towards.

Parents and pupils sign an agreement in Year 7 that sets out their commitment to follow the uniform code. We thank the majority of parents and pupils who do support the school and accept the uniform code. We ask that all parents show their support by insisting that their children wear the correct uniform to school.

We are not changing the Springfield uniform; it remains smart, simple and inexpensive. However, in order to reduce the range of uniform variation we see in school and to support parents when faced with buying uniform, we have teamed up with Skoolkit in Havant. As you are aware, Skoolkit is already the sole stockist of our tie, jumper and PE kit. They are now adding our preferred style of black skirts and trousers to their provision. Both the school and Skoolkit websites show these items modelled by pupils and provide full details of sizes and prices.

If it is impossible for you to buy these items of uniform from Skoolkit, then we require you to buy only identical styles and fabrics to the ones we have selected and displayed on the school and Skoolkit websites.

We expect pupils to wear proper black school shoes: trainers, canvas shoes and boots are not acceptable.

Our uniform is important to us and we know that it gives a sense of pride and belonging within the school community. We are keen to instil this in our pupils and will expect them to wear the full uniform from September 2015. We have reviewed our current system and we will be following up on all unacceptable uniform and will contact parents immediately if a pupil refuses to comply with the rules. Please support us by ensuring that your child has only the correct uniform and by taking action if we contact you regarding a uniform concern. Sanctions will be used for persistent refusal to wear the school uniform; this may include being sent home to change.

Please sign and return the attached slip to show that you have seen and support the revised school procedure.

Do remember, also, that false nails, artificial hair colour and piercings will need to be modified for school after the holiday. We may be able to give financial support for some uniform items for pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully

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IMPROVING UNIFORM AT SPRINGFIELD

We ask that parents support the following procedure:

- Please send a note in to the tutor if your child is not wearing the correct uniform to explain the reason why and how soon you will be able to resolve the issue – within five days
- Your child will be given a Uniform Report Card (URC) – to be signed daily by their teachers and shown to the Year Office at the end of each day until they are back in correct uniform.
- If your child comes into school in the incorrect uniform and does not have a note to explain, then the Year Office Pastoral Manager will contact you and a URC will be issued
- Pupils will be expected to carry a URC if they are not in uniform: it is their responsibility to ask for a card if they know they should have one and they have not brought a note in. Sanctions may be used if they do not comply with this
- Further sanctions will be used if pupils persistently defy the uniform code. This could include being sent home to change.

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Please return this slip to your child's form tutor

Pupil _____ tutor group _____

I have read the letter from the school about uniform and understand the procedure the school will follow if my child does not wear the correct uniform to school.

Signature _____

Name _____

Date _____



BASIC SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Skirts - plain black as directed, reaching the knees or longer. Tight, stretch fabric or jersey skirts are not acceptable. Please avoid layers, frills, embroidery or very flimsy fabric. Culottes may not be worn
- Trousers - smart, full-length, plain black as directed. No jeans or jeans style trousers with back pockets and studs, cords, tracksuit bottoms, leggings or cotton jersey fabric. Wide fashion belts are not suitable for school
- Shirts - plain white with a collar suitable for a tie. No coloured motifs, T-shirt style tops or polo shirts. Please note: the shirt must be long enough to tuck inside the trousers or skirt
- Jumpers/sweatshirts - plain black V-neck with Springfield logo
- Red clip on ties with Springfield logo - to be worn by all pupils and not defaced in any way. The striped tie is no longer uniform
- Shoes – plain black, no trainers, or canvas shoes, high heels (2" maximum), open toes/sling-backs or platform shoes. Boots are not acceptable
- Jewellery - a watch and one pair of plain stud earrings are the only items of jewellery permitted. Studs that enlarge the pieced hole in the ear are not permitted. Other jewellery worn will be confiscated. Further visible body-piercings are not acceptable
- Outer coats should be plain colours. Sweatshirts, coloured jumpers or tracksuit tops are not acceptable as outer coats
- Under no circumstances may denim be worn
- Discreet make-up may be worn. No pupils may wear nail varnish, false nails or false eyelashes
- No extreme haircuts or unnatural dyed hair colours are acceptable. The Head teacher retains the final judgement regarding 'extreme' haircuts. Shaved patterns or heads are definitely not acceptable. Hair should be cut no shorter than a No. 3
- Plain black hijabs may be worn

SCHOOL BAGS:

Pupils at Springfield are expected to be properly equipped for each lesson every day. The basic minimum includes a pencil case, study planner and the exercise books, folders and texts required by individual lessons. Although all pupils may have a locker in which to store equipment, there will always be a need to carry a significant amount to and from school – for homework projects, for example. They must, therefore, have a suitable school bag – one that has enough room and is strong enough to carry all that they need.

PURCHASING UNIFORM:

Uniform can be purchased from Skoolkit, Meridian Shopping Centre, Elm Lane, Havant, PO9 1UN. For more information please visit: www.skoolkit.co.uk



UNIFORM EXAMPLES AVAILABLE FROM SKOOLKIT

GIRLS DAVENPORT STYLE SKIRT:



GIRLS SK242 SKIRT:



GIRLS SLIM FIT ECO TROUSERS:



GIRLS BOOTLEG LINGFIELD TROUSERS:

