



SOUTHBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Proposed change to our school uniform policy.

We are proposing to change our school uniform policy and this letter sets out the reasons for this, our process of consultation and the timetable for the proposed change.

The new Uniform policy is attached.

The two changes are that we are asking children to wear trainers, rather than school shoes and that we will ask children to wear PE kit on the days that they are doing PE.

The new wording about shoes says:

The reason for this change is that we have seen that children wearing trainers at school over the pandemic has meant that they are safer in the playground, we have far fewer incidents of children falling over in the playground over the pandemic, for example. The children are also more able to access the field and they can undertake golden time activities on Friday afternoon more easily. We can also take children out to do short burst activities, like a run, without wasting time changing shoes and so on.

We would welcome your views on this and on the wording of our expectations of the kind of trainer, or other suitable shoe, that should be worn. We need to make sure that it is clear to everyone the kind of shoe that is compliant with the policy and what is not. We do not want children wearing expensive inappropriate designer trainers, for example. We hope that the wording makes this clear.

Over the pandemic we have also found that children have been much more comfortable wearing PE kit into school rather than changing at school. This has saved curriculum time, made some children feel more comfortable in school and has increased participation in PE lessons, no child is not taking part in PE because they have lost or forgotten their kit. It also avoids some problems that can occur with children changing together in small classrooms.

We would appreciate your views on the wording. We want to make it clear that it is our policy that children come to school in a simple t shirt of their house colour, and if possible a school t shirt, with the house name, on PE days. We want to avoid expensive branded sports shirts; we hope the wording makes this clear also.

Children will be able to wear track suit or jogging trousers, over or instead of shorts, depending on the weather or activity they are doing.

If you have any other comments or thoughts, please share these.

You can share your thoughts using the email address: uniform@southborough.bromley.sch.uk



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The consultation will be open until Friday September 24th and any changes to the policy will be made and implemented on 1st November.

In the first term of next year, during the consultation and decision period, children can comply with the proposed uniform policy or the previous one. Although it would be expected that they come to school in their PE kit on PE days, if this is a problem for you please let the class teacher know.

From 1st November, if the changes proposed, or others, are made, there will be a half term transition period, to give you time to purchase any new items, if this is necessary.

Yours sincerely


Patrick Foley
Headteacher