

Sunday 14th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Uniform Update – Reasonable Adjustments

I am writing to inform parents/carers that I am currently reviewing our arrangement with Brigade, our uniform supplier. For a while now we have been aware of the frustration some families have felt when orders have not been delivered in good time – we too have experienced similar delays when we have bulk ordered items (such as ties) for sale from our Reception.

Should we change suppliers for next September, families will be given plenty of notice. There are no planned changes to our uniform, we're simply looking to see if a local supplier can provide a better service. I will write to you again when I have further information to share.

In the meantime, please can I make you aware of the following adjustments to our uniform policy, because of ongoing supply issues from Brigade.

Jumpers

With winter approaching, students are reminded that jumpers can be worn under the blazer for added warmth. Hoodies are not permitted. This no longer must be the Oak branded jumper (from Brigade), but must be a plain black, V-neck jumper. Should you be waiting on an order from Brigade for the Oak branded jumper, do consider cancelling this so that you can purchase a suitable alternative from a local supermarket/clothing store.

Oak Branded Bags

It is important that all students have a suitable, weather resistant bag that is large enough to carry 2 A4 lever arch files, a pencil case, lunch, a drinks bottle and PE kit. The bag also needs to have suitable straps to make carrying it comfortable. For this reason, we ask that all students have a rucksack or satchel style bag. Tote and handbag styles are not permitted. Bags no longer need to be Oak branded from Brigade, again, consider cancelling any outstanding orders so that a suitable alternative can be purchased locally, if required.

These changes are immediate – acting on recent feedback from parents I am keen that anyone wanting to purchase jumpers (to keep warm) can do so straight away.

All other uniform expectations remain in place, and as ever, thank you in advance for your support.

Do not hesitate in contacting me should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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