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Dear Parent,

Re: School Uniform Changes for Years 3 to 11 with effect from September 2011.

I suspect that many of you will already have heard of some changes to the school uniform, which we intend to make, with effect from September 2011, since all the children were shown the intended new uniform yesterday. We are always very conscious of the never ending cost of uniform, since, with children growing so rapidly, their clothing frequently has to be replaced! We have been considering changing some items of uniform for some time, principally because so many of our pupils dislike 'looking so green' and because the present style is neither unique nor reflective of the private school image of which we are proud. However, throughout the consultation process, we have remained conscious of the cost implications.

Below are the proposed changes, with the cost implications:

Girls:

- The pleated green skirt to be replaced by a green/yellow/black tartan kilt. This will be about £15.00 more than the present skirt, but will be offset by the fact that the girls can now wear black tights or long black socks which are much cheaper than the green ones.
- A plain dark green tie with a simple logo and two fine black lines. This is much smarter but, being a bespoke fabric, will be about £5.00 more than the current stock.
- As an alternative to the green sweater with the logo, the girls can either wear a black waistcoat (about £4.00 more than the green sweater) or a black sleeveless or long sleeved cotton pullover (both of which will be at least £4.00 cheaper than the green sweater).
- **The shirts, blazers and sports kit will remain the same.**

Boys:

- A plain dark green tie with a simple logo and two fine black lines. This is much smarter but, being a bespoke fabric, will be about £5.00 more than the current stock.
- As an alternative to the green sweater with the logo, the boys can either wear a black waistcoat (about £4.00 more than the green sweater) or a black sleeveless or long sleeved cotton pullover (both of which will be at least £4.00 cheaper than the green sweater).
- The dark charcoal or black trousers will remain the same, but the boys may prefer the black ones since they will blend more naturally with the waistcoat or black sweater.
- **The shirts, blazers and sports kit will remain the same.**

Although these items of uniform will become in stock, ready for the Michaelmas Term 2011, there will be a phasing in period and **NO-ONE** will be expected to replace an item of uniform until such time as their child grows out of the uniform they are currently wearing.

Please note:

If you would like to see samples of the new uniform, they will be on show in the main school office throughout next term.

If you would like to purchase any of the new uniform, please will you notify Mrs. France of your intentions at your earliest convenience, stating possible size, even if you do not intend purchasing it/them until the beginning of September. This will help to ensure that Rawcliffes have all the required clothing in stock.

I hope you will be very happy with my explanation in this letter and I feel confident that you will be pleased with the positive impact of this new uniform. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any views – good or bad – or indeed if there are any questions I have not answered.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher