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Dear Parent/Carer,

As there has been much recent discussion about uniform within the school and the wider community connected to the school, I believe that it would be a good time to assure our families that the school does review our uniform protocol regularly and welcome contributions from students and families to that process. We will actively review this protocol at the beginning of next term. If you have any comments or suggestions that you would like to make regarding uniform in advance of the review, please contact the school via the mail@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk email address.

The review will be rooted in the following key principles:

- School uniform should be easy for students to wear in a consistent way that promotes a feeling of belonging and self-confidence
- School uniform should be affordable and easy to obtain for families.

Any proposed changes to the uniform protocol that come out of the review will lead to a consultation with parents and carers. We will, again, welcome any contributions from stakeholders at that point.

Please note that we will monitor weather forecasts for the rest of this academic year. In the event that predictions suggest that we are likely to experience extreme heat, similar to that which occurred during Activities Week in 2022, we will make adjustments to uniform requirements for the days affected. Plans to allow for these adjustments will be communicated to families should forecasts suggest they are necessary.

In the meantime, we would ask that all students manage within the existing uniform requirements. If your child has any items of uniform that have been damaged or have become too small, and you would prefer to wait until the summer to refresh their uniform, please contact your child's Year Coordinator. They will look to arrange for a loan of items that will see your child through to the end of term.

I would like to remind families that are looking to replace or add uniform items over the summer that we have a well-stocked [second-hand uniform shop](#). This is an excellent way to access uniform items in good condition for a fraction of the usual price. We do, of course, welcome any donations of uniform for the second-hand shop. If you have any items that are now too small for your child, or belonged to a child who has now left school, please do send these in. Items can be handed in to reception at any time during the school day.

At Farlingaye, we believe that uniform is important because it helps to build a sense of community, and reinforces the importance of equality within that community. We very much hope that all our families will work with us to ensure that our students engage positively with our uniform protocols as they develop over time. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me at Farlingaye.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Sievewright
Headteacher