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## **BOLNEY C.E.P. SCHOOL**

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks, we have been consulting with parents, children, staff and governors about making the school uniform more streamline. The school and PE uniforms currently have a few variations in colour and style and by streamlining it, will make the children collectively look smarter and will alleviate any confusion over what is acceptable.

As you will see, the main changes are the streamlining of colour (socks and trousers) and a summer and winter uniform rather than a gender specific uniform. Having just one colour of PE bottoms will stop any confusion and stakeholders felt that black was the best colour to choose. Shorts can be worn under tracksuit bottoms in the winter.

The new uniform policy will not come into effect until after Easter 2024 for Summer Uniform and from after the October half term 2024 for Winter Uniform which will give parents time to plan for the changes. Staff will start to enforce parts of the policy after Christmas, including the colour of shoes / trainers, hair accessories and jewellery.

It would be incredibly helpful if parents of KS1 parents could avoid sending rucksacks into school from January as this becomes a health and safety issue in corridors especially when winter coats and wellies are being worn. Book bags and lunchboxes (with a water bottle) are all the children need as they come to school in PE kits on the days that they do PE.

The new policy has been based on thoughts from all stakeholders with everyone having an opportunity for a voice and we appreciate the input that has been given. Should you have any specific concerns, please do let me know.

Kind regards,

Emma Lofthouse Headteacher

