

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views regarding the introduction of an active uniform. We greatly appreciate your responses which were overwhelmingly positive. **Of those who responded, 77% were in favour of moving to an active uniform.** Many families identified the benefits of an 'active uniform' which included comfort, wellbeing and their ability to fully engage in all aspects of the school day and learning.

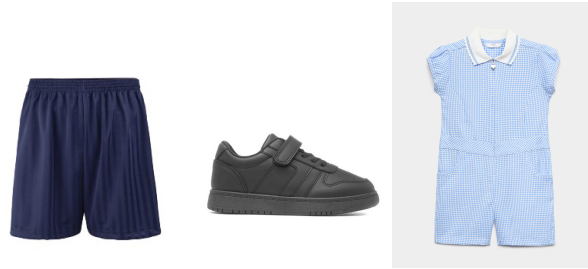
As a result, from the start of the next academic year (September), the school will move to an active uniform. We feel this approach works particularly well alongside our OPAL play offer, supporting active, outdoor play and learning throughout the school day. There is no expectation to replace more traditional items of clothing until they have served their wearable use. Instead, we kindly ask that families begin to transition towards the new uniform over time, as items naturally need replacing. Following the recent parent feedback, we recognise that the gingham summer dress remains a valued option for some families during the summer months. As a result, we will continue to include this as part of our school uniform offer. We particularly like the skort/playsuit version of this. The dress will sit alongside our wider aim of providing flexible, inclusive choices that work for all of our children.

Within the parent feedback received, several common themes emerged all of which have been given careful consideration. Firstly, some parents asked whether the active uniform would be more expensive than our current traditional uniform. As many of the required items can be purchased from a range of retailers, rather than a single supplier, we believe the active uniform offers greater flexibility and improved value for money. In addition, pupils will only require one set of clothing, rather than both a 'school uniform' and a separate 'PE uniform' which may further support affordability for families. Some parents also expressed concerns that an active uniform may not appear as smart as our traditional uniform. We would like to reassure parents that all pupils will continue to be expected to wear the correct uniform each day, and we will maintain our high standards with your continued support. A consistent active uniform can look equally smart, while also providing comfort and practicality through out the school day. There were also questions about whether an active uniform prepares children for the more traditional uniforms worn in some secondary schools. It is worth noting that many secondary schools are currently reviewing their uniform policies in response to evolving research around comfort, wellbeing and cost. As a result, approaches to school uniform continue to adapt.

Active Uniform/PE Uniform

- **Plain** navy blue tracksuit bottoms, full-length leggings or shorts (**at least mid-thigh length**)
- **Plain** navy blue hoodie or jumper
- Blue polo shirt/ blue t-shirt
- **Plain, fully black trainers** or trainer-style shoe (**logos kept dark and no additional colours**)
- **Plain** socks (black or white)
- Wellies (to be kept in school)





Children will not be permitted to wear branded sports clothing or football/sports kits.

Hoodies with the school logo can be ordered from Just Schoolwear Ltd via the following link. <https://just-schoolwear.co.uk>. These remain optional next academic year but it is possible that they will become part of our uniform policy from September 2027. The remainder of the school uniform does not have to have the Haydn logo, it can be plain, and can be purchased from any store, supermarket, charity shop or second-hand uniform shop. You can however order uniform with the school logo by visiting www.just-schoolwear.co.uk. Clothing needs to be named because all uniform is very similar and needs to be identified easily. Jewellery (including fidget/toy jewellery) is not permitted with the exception of a single pair of small, plain stud earrings, a wrist watch and jewellery worn for religious significance.

Thank you for your continued feedback and support as we refine our approach keeping the best interest of the children at heart.

Warmest Wishes,

Miss Harley