



26 June 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Brockington College Uniform 2015-16

Following concerns expressed by some parents/carers, we have discussed and decided upon an amendment to the college uniform policy.

Amendment to policy

We have listened to the views of all stakeholders and will be making a small amendment to the uniform policy, such that trousers and skirts will not have to be purchased solely from our uniform supplier. As an alternative, trousers and skirts can be purchased from one of the suppliers on the attached sheets, as long as they are one of the identified styles on these sheets. I have also attached an updated uniform policy for your information.

This means that the school logo is not required on trousers or skirts, whether they are purchased from our uniform supplier or not.

Reason for change

The reason for this change is to allow parental choice around trousers and skirts and for these items to be purchased at a price that suits the family budget. We accept that a school uniform supplier is not able to offer the economies of scale offered by very large retailers and therefore prices will be higher.

Our uniform expectations

Our initial desire to have one uniform supplier for trousers and skirts was to ensure that these items were appropriate for a school setting. This desire is still a key factor for me, members of staff and the governors of the college. We therefore need your support to ensure that you purchase trousers and skirts from the range of identified styles and retailers, which will be updated when necessary, as retailers change their styles. Having compromised on our uniform policy, we can only retain this amendment if we have your full support. We do also reserve the right to insist that your child changes into an agreed brand from an agreed retailer, if this amendment is not observed. Our bottom line is that school is for learning and not the place for a competition around wearing the most fashionable and/or expensive trousers and skirts.

We are intent on setting the very highest standards as we become an 11-16 school and expect our pupils to rise to this challenge in respect of uniform, behaviour, work rate and our values. We know that we have your support on this journey and look forward to working together to this aim.



Reimbursement

Should any parent/carer have already ordered trousers or skirts from our uniform supplier, they will be reimbursed for trousers and skirts, should they no longer wish to purchase these items. In order to do this, please email Nicole Lewitt at the college through uniform@brockington.leics.sch.uk giving the following details:

1. Name of the parent/carer that made the order
2. The trouser/skirt items ordered
3. Whether you would like a full reimbursement (ie you no longer want the trousers/skirts) or a reimbursement of the difference between the price you paid and the new price of trousers/skirts without the logo, as given on the attached sheet (ie you now wish to have the trousers/skirts without the logo)

Please also let Nicole know whether you would like us to reimburse you through:

1. A payment into your bank account, in which case please forward your account and sort code details
2. A cheque payment, in which case please forward the name of who you would like the cheque made payable to

Please forward these details to Nicole by midday on Friday 3 July, at which point we will cross check with the uniform supplier and then forward reimbursement during the final week of term.

Clarification on uniform code

If you have any questions about the amendment to our uniform policy, please contact your child's Head of Year at Brockington, who will be Mrs Wright.

Yours sincerely



Mr Chris Southall
Principal