



Boughton Monchelsea Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Changes to School Uniform

Thank you to the parents who got in touch to share their views about the proposed change to our school uniform. There were a range of views expressed and we have taken these into consideration alongside views from leadership, staff, governors and pupils.

Following this consultation with all stakeholders, we have decided that our proposed changes to the school uniform will go ahead, with effect from September 2018. The key difference is that we will be replacing the blue polo shirts and sweatshirts/cardigans with white shirts, school tie (elasticated for pupils in Years R, 1 and 2) and knitted jumpers/ cardigans. The knitwear and ties will be supplied by Simmonds of Tunbridge Wells, which is a highly respected local uniform supplier.

We would like to invite all parents/ carers to a launch event on Wednesday 28th March, at 2.45pm in the Clarke Hall. There will be an opportunity to see samples of the new jumpers, cardigans and ties, along with other optional school-branded products, and to make purchases. A representative from Simmonds will be on hand to answer specific queries about product care or sizes.

In response to parental feedback, we have decided to offer a £5 voucher which can be redeemed at the launch event for the following groups;

- Families with three or more children at the school from September 2018
- Families in receipt of the Pupil Premium
- Families with a child going into Year 6 in September 2018

More than one voucher will be available per family, if more than one of the criteria is met, and orders can be placed in advance if you are unable to attend the launch. There will be a further pop-up shop later in the year for children joining us in Year R in September.

The children can start wearing the new items as soon as they are available, with all pupils expected to wear the new uniform from September 2018. Old uniform stock can still be purchased from the school office at a discounted price, which can be worn until the end of this current school year.

We will be providing more information with photos of the new items of uniform as soon as they are available.

Please see the following message from Simmonds:



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Simmonds are pleased to be the new supplier of Boughton Monchelsea Primary School Uniform.

The Boughton Monchelsea uniform launch will be 28th March 2018 when Simmonds will host a pop up shop within school. Uniform can be tried on and purchased on the day, and will be taken away by families. Payment is required on the day by cash, debit card or credit card.

In addition to occasional in school selling events, the Boughton Monchelsea uniform will be available to purchase online at www.simmonds-ltd.com

Delivery is free for uniform sold online.

The Boughton Monchelsea uniform is not currently shown on the Simmonds website as Simmonds are in the process of launching a new website which we hope will be ready by end February/ beginning March

The new Boughton Monchelsea uniform has an updated fully embroidered logo which matches across all products.

The uniform items are a soft knitted jumper and cardigan each with logo, striped tie, PE t-shirt with logo, book bag, PE bag and a junior backpack. All clothing items are machine washable and of a high quality

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Roberts (Mrs)