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Dear Parents/Carers

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We are very proud of our Federation of schools and how our uniform makes our setting unique and distinct from other schools in the area. We want all our pupils to take pride in wearing our uniform each day, especially when they are representing the school against others. Disappointingly, it has come to our attention that a number of children are attending school in the incorrect uniform for our school. There have been reminders sent out in writing in the recent past and reminders given verbally to the children themselves.

Our school policy on uniform is very clear and has been agreed by our Governors. We have a second-hand uniform collection, which is available should it be needed to support families with the current cost of living.

We are seeing children arriving in clothing that does not follow the uniform policy and has not been agreed by the school as a medical exception. We do not wish to quash the growth of personal style, but our uniform is designed so that children belong to our school identity and do not feel the expensive costs or pressures of society to have the latest fashions or trends. Our uniform is in place to support staff in keeping everyone safe and to assist staff in educating our pupils that in life there are often rules we must follow. Below you will find the required uniform. Class teachers will speak to parents if clothing worn by children is not in line with the policy. There will also be a reasonable amount of time given for parents to address these uniform issues.

It is not acceptable for any children to come to school wearing make-up (unless as part of a themed, special event or performance), but we have noticed children wearing eye-liner, mascara, foundation and nail varnish on a day-to-day basis. We appreciate children want to appear grown up, but make-up is not a requirement for a child to be regarded as mature or responsible. As a result, we ask all parents to ensure their child is not coming to school wearing make-up. If a child is wearing make-up upon arrival, we will telephone to inform you and get consent for your child to be given sensitive, make-up removal products for them to take off the make-up before they start their day. We acknowledge this could pose an inconvenience to all parties involved and we hope this will not be necessary, so that is why we strongly urge you to ensure your child is not wearing any make-up before they come to school.

Jewellery should not be worn to minimise the risk of accidents and the possibility of loss or damage. The only exception is for children with pierced ears who may wear a small, single stud in each ear, provided they are removed for PE and swimming lessons. The children are responsible for removing their studs themselves and if this is a concern to parents then we recommend that studs are not worn on days when there is PE or swimming. There should be no rings, necklaces, bracelets or chains. The school is unable to accept responsibility for accidents involving studs or other jewellery. In addition, children may wear a watch, which is not a Smart Watch, as this could be linked to a mobile phone receiving or sending messages to people. The children are responsible for removing and collecting watches before and after PE

lessons. If children are wearing jewellery, they will be asked to remove it, giving it to an adult to be handed over to the parent at the end of the day.

Valuable items should not be worn or brought to school. Children are advised not to bring items to school that are not essential for either their school work or the school day. Storage is limited and we cannot take responsibility for loss or damage. As we will be a cashless school, money should no longer be brought to school for dinners and trips, but should a small charity donation be brought in on those one-off occasions, please ensure this is handed into to an adult.

Juniors

All shirts/blouses are to be tucked in with collared shirts/blouses to have their buttons done up to the top, enabling the clip-on ties to attach correctly. School uniform is worn by all pupils and can be ordered direct from our supplier: Harrisons Schoolwear in Great Yarmouth, but other supermarkets provide the opportunity to buy school shirts, trousers/skirts/dresses and sweaters/cardigans in the school colours (maroon/burgundy) without the school motif.

Maroon sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan with or without school motif. Years 5 & 6 children should wear a maroon V-neck sweater/jumper to accompany their ties with or without a school motif.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6): White, long or short sleeved, collared shirt/blouse with Ormesby Junior clip-on tie. (No polo shirts until the Summer term)

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): White polo shirt

Plain grey or black school trousers

Plain grey or black knee-length skirt

All black, flat-heeled shoes (no trainers of any description or boots [unless the weather is poor])

Grey, black or white socks

Black or grey tights or knee-length black/white/grey socks

In the Summer Term, pupils may wear red/maroon gingham dresses (no other colours) or they may wear grey school shorts (no Lycra/cycling/sports shorts). Pupils in Years 5 and 6 may also wear a white polo shirt from the Summer term only, which will not need to be accompanied by their clip-on tie worn in the Autumn and Spring terms.

All children should be provided with an art overall (an old adult sized shirt will be suitable)

Junior P.E. Kit

A plain, maroon Polo shirt with or without school motif/Plain white T-Shirt (**No football shirts, no crop tops or T-Shirts emblazoned with logos are allowed**)

Plain black shorts

Outdoor trainers

Black plimsolls or trainers for indoor P.E.

Tracksuit (plain colours for colder weather)

One-piece swimming costume / swimming trunks (no Bermuda shorts)

A hair band to tie back long hair for safety purposes.

Please note: for boys' and girls' hair should be one natural colour and worn in a sensible style.

To help alleviate the problem of lost property, all clothing, including footwear, should be clearly marked with the child's name.

All P.E. kits should come to school in a drawstring school coloured bag. Cloakroom space is very limited and does not afford room for large and long sports' bags.

Any concerns with the uniform should be discussed with the Headteacher.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

