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Dear Parents

Re: School Uniform from September 2022

When Braeside first became part of the Oak-Tree Group in 2015, I spent several months meeting with and surveying parents, pupils and staff to learn more about the school. As part of this process, I was able to identify the school's core values that needed to remain in place and the areas where improvements were being requested or were clearly required. The more immediate focus has been in areas such as the provision of lunches, breadth of curriculum, quality of teaching, range of extra-curricular provision, improvement of facilities, recruitment of excellent staff, increased resources and refurbishments of the premises.

The last 6 years have been busy and I am delighted that we have not only secured Braeside's future, but also reshaped the school ready for the next phase of its development. This will be the welcoming of boys into Kindergarten and Reception from September 2021.

Uniform has featured heavily in our many discussions and surveys with parents and pupils over the years. Although we have tweaked the colour of the shoes and tights, and also made changes to the PE kit, it is only recently that we have explored a full redesign.

After half term, Mrs Moon and Mrs Copeman surveyed all pupils from Year 3 upwards about the uniform. The overwhelming response (nearly unanimous) was to change the colour of our current brown blazers and jumpers. These are not popular. In conjunction with the gradual move towards full coeducation, the views of our school community have prompted much work behind the scenes redesigning a modern uniform for the future.

I am delighted to be able to finally share with you the new Braeside School uniform that will be launched before the start of the new academic year in September 2022.



The main changes will be:

- new navy blue badged blazer
- new school navy blue jumper with sky blue piping
- new school tie for our boys

Everything else, including the skirts, will remain the same. We are also launching a new PE hoodie for our seniors following many requests.

For our girls, the current uniform will remain as it is until the end of the next academic year. This will give them a full year to wear out their jumpers and blazers. As there is no current boys' uniform, boys joining the school will start to wear the new blue uniform and will be our models for the year.

We do recognise that children are still growing and that you may want to replace their jumpers and blazers before September 2022 to keep them smart (and warm). We also have many new pupils joining Braeside during the year. Our uniform supplier, Forest Casualwear in Loughton High Road, still has a small stock of blazers and jumpers so we have come to an arrangement whereby the prices of these items will be heavily subsidised jointly by the shop and the school from now until the end of the next academic year as follows:

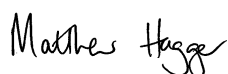
- The current Braeside brown jumpers will be on sale for £10 each.
- The current Braeside brown blazers will be on sale for £25 each.

These discounted prices represent excellent value for money, as a year's continual wearing of any clothing is bound to take its toll.

All schools hope that their pupils wear uniform with pride, and the coming year will give our school community time to appreciate the new navy blue uniform as we continue to modernise and take Braeside forward.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Matthew Hagger
Group Managing Principal



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