

Hart Memorial Primary School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Most of you will be aware that last year the school community was consulted on regarding their views on the school uniform. Following this process, the current uniform was agreed and implemented.

Unfortunately, however, it has been noted that this is not being worn correctly — although branded bottoms form part of the uniform, many pupils are wearing their own bottoms, and this is having an impact on the overall presentation of our school within the community.

Whilst attendance at school is the most important thing for us, wearing a uniform correctly is an important aspect of being in a school as it brings a sense of pride, belonging and ownership and it has an impact on how pupils perform and behave in school.

Considering this, it has been decided to conduct a review of the current uniform. This will be done through a simple survey which will ask you to vote for option A or option B. The options are detailed below.

Option A – continue with the current uniform but ensure that it is sourced and worn correctly. Please note, however, leggings will no longer be worn by girls.

Boys	Round neck school jumper, branded polo t-shirt, branded jogging bottoms.
Girls	Round neck school jumper, branded polo t-shirt, branded jogging bottoms.

Option B — 'hybrid option.' P1/2 continue with similar uniform to allow them for ease of play. P3-7 wear a more 'formal' uniform.

P1/2 Boys	Round neck school jumper, branded polo t-shirt, branded jogging bottoms.
P1/2 Girls	Round neck school jumper, branded polo t-shirt, branded jogging bottoms.
P3-7 Boys	Round neck school jumper, branded polo t-shirt, grey school trousers, black shoes.
	In term 3, boys will be permitted, if desired, to wear grey school shorts.
P3-7 Girls	Round neck school jumper, branded polo t-shirt, grey school skirt, grey tights or
	white socks, black school shoes.
	In term 3, girls will be permitted, if desired, to wear a yellow gingham dress.

^{*** &#}x27;Branded' refers to the current clothing items with the school logo on them.

In terms of PE kit, all pupils will wear the same polo t-shirt and school jumper, along with the current branded tracksuit bottoms from C&G and their own trainers.

P1-4 will wear their PE uniform in each day and will remain in it.

To help with independence and in the interests of hygiene, P5-7 will change out of their PE kits, unless they are going home straight after. If they have PE early in the morning, they will be permitted to wear their PE kit into school.

We realise that many of you will have your own views on the uniform; some of these will be strongly held, hence the need for you to take this opportunity to vote.

For the purpose of clarity, the outcome of this decision will remain in place for the foreseeable future and no further reviews will be conducted.

The vote will be open from today, Friday 19th April, to next Friday 26th April at 3pm.

Voting will be conducted using the link below.

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Yours sincerely,

Mr Arnold Hatch

Chair of the Board of Governors

Mr Andrew Frizzell

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