

St. Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Palace Fields, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AF Headteacher: Mr D Redfern

30th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The consultation period for the proposal of the new school skirt has now ended. We had 33 responses. In summary the following points were made:

- Parents would welcome more enforcement of the uniform and a more restrictive uniform as all pupils will be the same.
- Parents would welcome the introduction of a set school skirt as it will save time when buying new uniforms and no more arguments as to what skirt to purchase.
- Parents liked the idea of a box pleated skirt that cannot easily be rolled up to unflattering lengths and can be worn smartly by all body shapes.

Concerns raised from a few parents would be the cost.

The purchase price of the skirt is £25.99/£26.99. In response to that query; The quality of the skirt is excellent and is extremely durable meaning it will last a number of years. The skirt also has an adjustable waist band and so can accommodate a growing child. If uniform is ordered off our school supplier during July, you can also save 10% off your order.

Another query was the trying on of the skirts to pick the correct size. I have spoken to the supplier and will have in school a set of different size skirts. Pupils can try skirts for size prior to ordering them so the correct skirt is purchased.

Given the response and after consideration, we will be going with option 1, the branded skirt. As per the uniform policy, girls are of course allowed to continue to wear trousers (not leggings) if they so wish. The uniform supplier will have a tailored trouser available on the site should you wish to purchase your uniform from the same place.

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As a reminder, summer uniform can be worn from 7th May. We are honouring the white polo shirt and grey cardigan for summer 2024 only. From September onwards these will cease to be uniform.

Pupils may also wear short sleeved white shirts if they so wish. Ties must be worn with short sleeved shirts. Pupils are to still wear their black or maroon logo jumper. The PE hoodie is not to be worn in replacement of the school jumper. After a successful trial last year, black tailored shorts can also be worn this summer. No other shorts will be permitted.

Yours sincerely,

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