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Dear Parents and Carers

Some of you will already be thinking ahead to the next academic year and planning what new uniform to purchase. We wanted to write to you as soon as we could to make you aware of any changes and the impact these may have on you.

As of this point in time, there will be no significant uniform changes apart from moving away from the gold polo shirts to only using plain white. We appreciate that some families may have gold polo shirts that are in perfectly good condition and can be used again, if this is the case, please allow your children to continue to wear them until such a time as they need replacing, then replace with white.

Additionally, schools across the Trust are having work done on their websites and logos. As such you may see changes over the coming year. Any changes we make to uniform will be adopted on a 'phasing' approach; whereby existing uniform logos will be acceptable up until the point that the garment needs replacing. At this time, should you choose to purchase an item of clothing with the logo on, we kindly ask you purchase whatever the new design may be if we make any changes.

Please see a reminder of the 'School Uniform' policy (with some minor tweaks), the original of which is published on the school website, below:

Everyday School Uniform:

- Sweatshirt: Green (available with school logo but also from many supermarket chains)
- Trousers/ Skirts (knee length): Grey/ black. All pupils are allowed to wear trousers.
- Shirt/Polo shirt: White
- Dresses (knee length): Green and white gingham style
- Fleece: Green, available full or short zip and with school logo
- Footwear: Children should wear black shoes or smart black trainers without logos and coloured stripes. Only low-heeled shoes are allowed. These are for all year around for health and safety purposes (please no boots as these restrict movement).



Clothing for Physical Education:

General P.E. attire:

- T-Shirt: Plain white t-shirt also available from Riviera Schooldays/Lavender Mob with logo in green.
- Shorts: Plain, black or white (all children)
- Footwear: Every child must have a change of footwear for P.E. (plimsolls or trainers - plain black without logos or coloured stripes)
- Trainers are essential for outdoor PE.

In cold weather:

- Plain black tracksuit bottoms.
- School sweatshirt / fleece / plain black sweatshirt or fleece (no hoodies).

The school does not wish to see:

- Jewellery except for one pair of studs. These must be able to be removed for P.E. and Sport by the pupil.
- Make-up including nail varnish/polish
- Tattoos (including transfer tattoos)
- High or narrow heeled shoes
- Unconventional or dramatic hairstyles: added hair colours must be natural and subtle. Close shaved heads and patterns cut into hair or eyebrows are not acceptable. Very short hairstyles or extreme hairstyles (e.g., where some hair is very short, and the rest is not) are not acceptable.
- Skirts and dresses that are significantly above the knee.
- Tops that expose the midriff
- Hoodies/sweatshirts replacing school jumpers. Year 6 are allowed to do this from June in their leaving term with a "leavers Hoody".

As many of you are already aware the purchase of school uniform, with a current logo, is ordered directly through Riviera School Days (186 Union Street, Torquay. Tel: 293650) or from L Mob, (Union Lane, Brixham. Tel: 854822). We do not insist on logo marked uniform in any way and most of our uniform can be purchased from many high street/ supermarket retailers.

Thank you for your understanding, and we hope by sharing this with you now, it will help inform any purchases you need to make before the start of the next academic year.

Yours Sincerely

The Eden Park Primary School Team

