



Bottisham Village College

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Completion of uniform consultation

Thank you for your responses to the consultation regarding the statutory DfE guidance. We have now had the opportunity to read through your suggestions and consider each point made.

37 parents responded in total

17 parents responded that they agreed that we had met statutory guidance

20 parents responded with a question/suggestion.

Frequently asked questions were:

What can we do to support the smallest and largest sizes?

If you are finding difficulty with required sizes of compulsory items and would like to purchase from the uniform provider please contact jtaylor@bottishamvc.org

Can students wear long sleeves in the summer?

One parent asked us to consider a long sleeved option for the summer months at present this is approved for students with medical needs or religious reasons.

Slim fit PE branded tops can be a tight fit?

At present we suggest buying a larger size or the unisex style. We will pass on comments to our provider regarding the challenge you may have with this.

Why do we have branded PE shorts?

To clarify – Plain Navy PE shorts can be bought from any provider and are not badged..

Do we have to buy football boots?

*Football boots are optional but are required if your child is involved in competitive sport outside of classroom lessons. Students **will** require astro trainers for the 3G artificial grass which is used during curriculum time and worn at break and lunch if playing on this surface.*

Do we need to buy mouthguards?

Mouthguards are required for contact sports but can be purchased from high street outlets.

Is there a minimum length a skirt should be?

Yes, knee length. We hope that introducing a range of styles there will be a suitable style and fit for all.



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How do we know the uniform provider is giving best value for money?

Moving forward the Trust will be tendering for a uniform provider to ensure all schools in Anglian Learning are giving parents the best value for money. This will be happening in the next few months with the aim to start the new contract as soon as possible with the constraints of running down stock with existing suppliers.

Suggestions from parents covered two themes:

The option of students wearing tailored or PE shorts all year round and not just in the second half of summer term.

We have considered this and have agreed that PE shorts and skorts can be worn from May half term until October half term and black tailored shorts all year round.

Year 11 black sweatshirts and ways we could make these more sustainable and cheaper

Thank you for all your great ideas! We are sharing these with staff and the student council and will send a separate email to Year 10 students and parents next week before work experience visits. We are holding a 'pre-loved' uniform sale on Monday 18 July (further details to follow). Black sweatshirts are available for £3 on the evening.

Our uniform page on the website has now been updated with the changes. Free postage into school has been extended until 1 July by our uniform provider.

Please see link below for our uniform page on our website

<https://bottishamvc.org/parents-2/uniform-equipment/>

The link below will take you to the BVC page of our uniform suppliers

<https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/bvc>

If you have concerns over the cost of the uniform and are in receipt of free school meal entitlements, please do not hesitate to contact taylor@bottishamvc.org We will then be able to explore what support might be available.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Rankine
Principal