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TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

### School Uniform

At Cams Hill School we have unapologetically high standards of uniform. Our expectations are clear and we work hard to maintain these in order to ensure that all pupils are dressed consistently and in line with school policy. Uniform is an absolute constant in each and every pupil's weekday life here at Cams Hill School. It is not reflective of fashion trend, is practical and gives our pupils a sense of collective pride and shared identity as part of the Cams Hill School community. It also helps our pupils to understand that in life, there are 'uniform' expectations and standards within any and every workplace. There are three uniform updates that I would like to share with you at this stage in the academic year in preparation for the changes to be in place in September 2019.

I am writing to confirm that as of September 2019, our Cams Hill School blazer when purchased new from our uniform supplier Skoolkit, will have our new logo on the pocket. We will have been using the logo for two years on our website and letter heading and feel that it is now time to change this on our blazers. All new Year 7 pupils in September 2019 will be expected to wear blazers with the new logo. Pupils in Years 8-11 as of September 2019 will either be able to purchase a **new** blazer with the new logo from Skoolkit, in the very near future, or a replacement patch to sew onto their existing blazer. Badges are available from the Finance Office here at Cams Hill School for £5. The method of payment for the badge is via the Tucasi online payment system. To access your child's online account, please visit the following website: [www.scopay.com/login.html](http://www.scopay.com/login.html). Please contact the Finance Office, in complete confidence, if you need to discuss financial support. When you have paid for the badge online, please ask your son/daughter to visit the school Finance Office. A member of the finance team will check the online payment records and issue your child/children with badges as appropriate. If you would prefer to collect your badge in person from Main Reception please email [office@camshill.com](mailto:office@camshill.com) FAO the Finance Office in order to let us know. Badges are available from the date of this letter and will need to be purchased in good time prior to the start of the new academic year in September 2019. **All pupils will be required to wear a blazer with the new logo in September 2019.**

We have spent time since the middle of last year in discussion with pupils, parents, carers and staff about skirt style and length. As from September 2019, the only skirts pupils will be allowed to wear will be pleated skirts. These can be box pleat or a full pleat and are required to be knee length. Many schools locally and nationally are changing to a fuller and longer skirt for practicality and dignity reasons. In discussions with pupils, the following examples have been given by them, identifying the need for a fuller, pleated skirt: to participate fully in Drama lessons; to sit comfortably in the front row of an assembly; to ride a bicycle to school; to sit on a bench and eat lunch. This is not a uniform change as pleated skirts are already part of our uniform policy. We are, however, removing the option for a straight skirt to be worn by pupils across all year groups. Colours will remain the same; grey for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 and navy for pupils in Years 10 and 11. Trousers remain an alternative to a skirt in line with our current uniform policy description and identified acceptable type. It is the expectation that all skirts will be pleated and that there will be no straight skirts by September 2019.

Finally, Mr Worthy and the PE Department have been requesting for some time a change to our Cams Hill School PE kit. These exciting changes will be in place from September 2019 and will involve new polo shirts, shorts, socks and skort option and a new half zip sweatshirt. Full details and specifications of these will be sent out separately in due course. There will be a phasing in of the new kit as we appreciate that purchasing new items will be at a significant cost to our parents and carers. By September 2020 we expect all pupils across all year groups to be in the 'new' PE kit. From September 2019 we would like as many pupils as possible to be in the new kit but appreciate that this may not be possible for all our families.

Uniform is an important part of our Cams Hill School community. Maintaining our high standards should and must not be overly time consuming or debilitating to teaching, learning and progress. We must work together to consistently enforce and ensure our expectations are maintained by all pupils. We appreciate the significant role that parents and carers play in this and thank you for your support and in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher