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Dear Parent/Carer

Changes to School Uniform

I am writing to inform you of a change to school uniform that will be introduced from September 2019. This letter is to give you advance warning of this change and to ensure that if you are buying items of school uniform between now and the start of the new academic year, you are aware of the new requirements.

The change is being introduced to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by students in the school, particularly that of our female students, and to ensure that we have a cost-effective, smart uniform that is worn consistently by all of our student body. There are currently too many of our students taking too wide an interpretation of what constitutes acceptable school uniform, following conversations with several parents, pupils and staff, I am keen to eliminate any potential ambiguity on this, especially in relation to school skirts.

This change will ensure smarter standards of appearance from our students and crucially will mean that valuable staff time is not spent dealing with issues relating to problems with school uniform. From conversations with parents I know many of you will welcome the clarity over what constitutes the correct uniform and where to purchase this.

The change we are making is that we are introducing standardised school skirts, as part of our school uniform. These skirts were introduced two years ago on a voluntary basis, with the intention (outlined in our original communications at that time) that after a phased introduction, we would eventually make these skirts compulsory. We have now found that an increasing number of our students are wearing the skirts as a matter of choice. Hence our move to make the skirt compulsory from September. Therefore from September, this will be the only skirt pupils will be allowed to wear to Pittville School. These will be sold by School Togs, who also stock our other items of school uniform. School Togs are located at 252 High Street, Cheltenham, GL50 3HF. Tel: 01242 523632 and does on line sales at www.schooltogs.com and Universal Uniform Ltd, Unit V1 Kingsville Road, Kingsditch Trade Park, Cheltenham, GL51 9LX. Tel: 01242 580062, and does online sales at www.theschoolwearcompany.co.uk

The skirt will come in a range of sizes and lengths to suit the varying needs of our students to ensure that this is available to the required **knee length**. These skirts will have the Pittville School name/emblem embroidered on them. The expectation is that the embroidered logo at the top of the skirt is visible and that the skirt is not rolled over hiding the logo and that the length of the skirt is not altered in any way. The skirts will retail between £12.50 and £18.50 (depending on size).

I hope the advance notice of this new requirement will enable you to plan your uniform purchases for the new academic year. Despite this change, our uniform still remains one of the most cost effective in Cheltenham and it remains both comfortable and easy to wear.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter and for your support for the standards we wish to uphold as a school.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Headteacher

