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Dear parent/carer

### **Changes to the Academy Uniform**

At Outwood Grange Academies Trust our Board of Directors are constantly mindful of rising costs at a time in which households are seeing increasing pressures of their income. With this in mind, the Board have tried to ensure that its student uniform policy has been reasonable in meeting the requirements of the academies whilst not being overpriced. To date this has been done through:

- Competitive tendering to lower the price for parents;
- The change to a consistent uniform across all academies to keep prices low;
- The provision of a free uniform 'bundle' to all new starters;
- Moving to an online provider, at lower prices than uniform shops.

In the last month, the Board agreed that they wished to take this a step further and have made the decision to move away from the requirement for students to wear an Outwood logo'ed shirt. The uniform policy will still require students to wear a plain white shirt (Oxford style) with a stiff collar. This can be short or long sleeved. We are aware that these can be purchased considerably cheaper in supermarkets, however, we would encourage parents to ensure that they buy shirts that are of good quality and are long enough to comfortably tuck into skirts and trousers as this is a requirement of the uniform policy. More details can be found on the uniform section of our website or, if you are unsure, please drop into the academy for advice.

We hope this move is a small step to help parents/carers keep the cost of uniform to a minimum.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive Officer