

Phased approach to change Bishop Barrington Academy uniform

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Dear Parents/carers,

Following previous correspondence regarding Bishop Barrington Academy uniform, the Department for Education published new guidance regarding school uniform which stated that it had to be affordable and give value for money for parents/carers and families. As part of this process, we have been carefully considering the following things:

- Prioritising both cost and value for money when awarding contracts to suppliers
- Making sure a stock of uniform readily available
- The number of branded items we ask parents/carers to buy

We have undertaken a procurement exercise so that we can be confident in the value that we are bringing to parents and carers in relation to uniform cost and quality. As part of the appointment of the new contract, we are going to implement a new school uniform on a phased approach, with the new uniform being available from January 1st 2023, with this becoming mandatory for the Year 7 intake in September 2023. Therefore, the current purple jumper, blazer, cardigan, tank top and PE polo t-shirt will not be available to purchase from January 1st. **As and when school uniform and PE kit items need replacing, they will be replaced using the items listed below as part of the new uniform and PE kit.**

The new Bishop Barrington Academy uniform will consist of a black blazer with school logo, black trousers or skirt, the current purple Bishop Barrington tie, white shirt and black school shoes or ankle boots. Parents/carers will have the choice to purchase the black blazer or black school trousers/skirt from the contracted supplier, from a supermarket or high street brand. There is an option to purchase an iron on or sew on badge.

The new Bishop Barrington Academy PE kit will consist of a black embroidered PE polo shirt, one of the following three items: black polyester shorts, or black PE tracksuit bottoms or black girls PE leggings. The following items are available as optional extras: black embroidered 1/4 Zip training top and black sport socks.

As of January 1st, 2023, a supply option for the uniform will be Michael Sehgal and Sons LTD (<https://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk/>) and a PE kit supply option with Emblematic LTD (<https://emblematic.co.uk/>).

We are hosting a drop-in session on Thursday 17th November, 5pm – 6pm, at the Academy for parents/carers to ask any questions they may have. Finally, as always, we pride ourselves on being an inclusive school and will endeavour to help support those families who may need it.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Sowerby
Head Teacher