

Date: Thursday 15th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have read my email this week advising you that we are currently considering a change to the school uniform for the following academic year. I had planned to hold 6 further meetings to discuss the idea. Unfortunately there is not enough take up to attend the meetings and as I would like to get as many views as possible on this, I have decided the fairest way forward is to open this up to a vote. I will set out our ideas below and then pass it over to the parent community to have the final say!

George Tomlinson has had its current uniform in place for a number of years and we feel that as a school now is a great time to have a fresh look. It is another opportunity for us to feel proud of our school within our community and promote GT.

For pupils, wearing a uniform is about feeling a sense of belonging and a sense of pride about their school. We feel that our current uniform is interpreted in too large a variety of ways and it doesn't feel as unified as it could do. We recognise that when pupils take pride in their uniform they have a positive attitude and feel good about themselves. The new uniform is designed to ensure children are comfortable and can play with ease. The new Speedstitch jumper material is wool which would wash better and last longer than the sweatshirt material many of our children wear. We would be changing from green to navy as we feel it is smarter and looks cleaner for longer. No other local primary schools wear navy and as our wonderful logo is so colourful, it fits with that perfectly.

I am aware that many parents buy the uniform from our local supermarkets instead of via Speedstitch and so have spoken to our local Tesco in Leytonstone and they have agreed that they would stock a navy blue V-necked jumper also which gives parents a cheaper option. The choice of a white polo shirt is comfortable for children to wear instead of a white shirt and is easier for parents to maintain. Families eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant would be entitled to a half price jumper via our main office. We have also found a charity who would recycle any existing uniform we have. We are extremely mindful of ensuring that this does not cause unnecessary stress to parents through its cost and that it is easy to source and buy. Therefore we would be selling the uniform in our main office at school as well as via Speedstitch in Walthamstow. Parents would also be able to place orders for uniform in our office and pay in instalments via ParentPay if they have more than one child. Costs below are to be finalised but give you a rough idea. We would happily consider a transition period up until Christmas 2018 to bring this in for those parents who may have just bought a new uniform for their child.

The new uniform would be as follows;

- **Navy blue V-necked jumper (with logo recommended but optional) Speedstitch £13.50, Tesco £9**
- **Or Navy blue cardigan (with logo recommended but optional) Speedstitch £14, Tesco £9**
- **White polo shirt (with logo recommended but optional) Speedstitch £5, Tesco £5**
- **Grey trousers, skirt or shorts (sold in most supermarkets)**
- **Blue checked summer dress (optional)**
- **Grey tights or socks**
- **Black trainers or shoes**



Over to you! If you would like to make your voice heard on the matter please go to www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3TY76KC and vote by **April 16th at 12pm**. If there is not enough support for the change we will not go ahead, as always I am keen to work alongside the community on this. If you do support the idea we will send out further information about this exciting change.

Kind regards,



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Headteacher