

Summer Uniform

Trial

As a trial – in response to very hot weather being forecast - pupils were allowed to wear a summer uniform on Thursday 16 June and Friday 17 June 2022.

Pupils were allowed to remove ties and have top buttons unfastened. They were asked to keep shirts tucked in.

Following the trial, parents, pupils and staff were consulted on the changes.

Consultation Summary

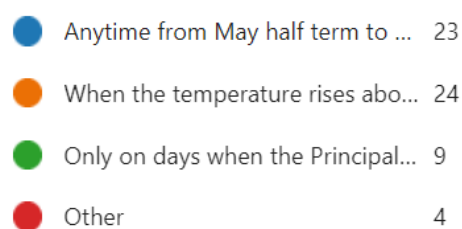
There was wide-spread support for a summer uniform from all groups of stakeholders.

Many felt the changes were adequate, but there were some useful suggestions of other adjustments to consider:

- Many pupils continued to wear jumpers, which seems to defeat the intention of the uniform. Some parents and pupils have suggested that a plain white polo shirt could be allowed as an alternative as many pupils feel normal shirts are too see-through.
- A small number of stakeholders suggested that tailored black shorts for pupils would act as a gender-neutral alternative to skirts.
- Some pupils felt greater protection from the sun was needed, including a suggestion that hats should be allowed.
- Many pupils would like to be allowed to keep their shirts untucked. This was the greatest 'battle' for staff during the days that summer uniform was in operation.

For staff and parents there was less consensus on when a summer uniform should be allowed. Pupils had a clear preference.

Staff



Parents

Anytime from May half term to ...	28
When the temperature rises abo...	19
Only on days when the Principal...	7
Other	2



Pupils

Anytime from May half term to ...	17
When the temperature rises abo...	1
Only on days when the Principal...	0
Other	1



Recommendations

1) That the summer uniform is defined as:

- White shirt or blouse (top button may be unfastened, shirt should be tucked in) or plain white polo shirt
- Black trousers or knee length black skirt or knee-length, tailored, plain black shorts or skorts
- Tie (optional – top button fastened if worn)
- Academy jumper (optional)
- A plain black cap or hat for outside wear only (optional)

2) That the summer uniform is in place from May half term onwards and at the Principal's discretion on any hot days outside of this period.

