

26th April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Optional Summer Uniform for Terms 5 and 6

Firstly, thank you for your continued support in helping us to maintain high uniform standards here at Wyvern St Edmund's.

As we near the summer months, we want to ensure that our uniform policy helps to maintain a sense of identity and uniformity. At the same time, we also want our students to feel comfortable throughout the school day, even in exceptionally hot weather. Many students have asked us if we would consider a change of uniform for the summer, particularly for the Wyvern students, who do not have an alternative. At St Edmund's, girls have an optional pale blue polo shirt so, in the interests of fairness, we would like to give boys the opportunity to wear some optional pieces of clothing this year, to provide a greater degree of comfort as temperatures rise.

To be clear, from Monday 29th April we will be allowing boys to wear:

- a plain white polo shirt without any logo (from next year, we will bring in a version with a logo, but in the interests of responding quickly to student voice, it will have to be a plain one for now!)
- a pair of tailored, black, knee-length shorts

Girls are already allowed to wear:

- a blue polo shirt with the St Edmund's logo
- a tartan skirt

To ensure equality, girls will also now be able to wear tailored, black knee-length shorts from Monday 29th April instead of their skirt if they choose to.

As outlined above, shorts and polo shirts are not compulsory for the summer term, they are optional. If students do not wish to wear the summer items they will need to continue wearing normal school uniform as outlined in the Behaviour Policy. This includes white shirts being tucked in and skirts being of a reasonable length. We may decide to relax the rule of ties in exceptional circumstances, but we will let you know about this as the weather hots up. We will address the more permanent arrangements, including the dates when summer uniform is permitted, at the end of the academic year when our uniform policy is reviewed.

We hope that these additions will provide some comfort in the summer months ahead. Some examples of acceptable black shorts are shown below. Please note that they must be knee length, tailored, smart black shorts. No other kind of shorts will be permitted.

Please also note that full 'winter' uniform will be needed for formal school events in Terms 5 & 6.

Kind regards



Mrs N Bull
Headteacher



Mr B Burley
Deputy Headteacher



The examples here are from Marks and Spencers. Please note that the shorts are black, tailored and knee-length. A two-pack retails at £12 from Marks and Spencer's.

https://www.marksandspencer.com/2-pack-boys-adjustable-waist-shorts/p/p60091661?image=SD_0

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-adjustable-waist-shorts-with-crease-resistant/p/p60100203?image=SD>

