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## Uniform Update 11 June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a marked deterioration in uniform standards across the school, in March 2024 we consulted in detail with all parents and carers about school uniform. The results of this consultation and decisions of the school and Local Academy Board were shared with parents and carers in April 2024. Feedback through the consultation showed that there was very strong support for a school uniform at our school. The key concerns of parents were quality and cost.

We appreciate that now you have received the cost of our branded trousers and skirts for September 2024 this has raised further concerns for some parents over affordability compared to the cheaper high street stores. School has worked hard to ensure that the new trousers and skirts are of the highest quality to ensure that they last and wash well. Every student will receive a free trouser or skirt in recognition of the potential increased cost. It is hoped that the high quality of garments will be evident on receipt. We are continuing to work with our suppliers and further details of discounts on 'bundles' of items will be provided shortly. To confirm, school does not receive any financial benefit from sales of school uniform from any of the 3 suppliers available.

In addition, we previously informed parents that a payment plan could be set up via Parent Pay or monies saved within the system to pay for uniform when the need may arise. *Parents and carers who are struggling with the cost of uniform moving forwards should contact school directly by email at parent@tuptonhall.org.uk* There is also The Derbyshire discretionary fund that can be accessed by parents who meet the criteria for support <u>Please use this link for further information.</u>

As the next academic year progresses we will be able to expand our preloved uniform swap shop to provide good quality school uniform on a swap basis when students require new sized or replacement items.

Whilst we appreciate the concerns that some parents or carers may have over the cost of items please be assured that we will work with you throughout these changes.

Yours faithfully

Mr A J Knowles Headteacher

