



# Colton Hills Community School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **We are on a journey to World Class**

### **Consultation regarding proposed changes to School Uniform**

I am writing to consult with you about a proposed change to the Colton Hills School uniform with effect from the Autumn Term 2021.

At Colton Hills we are continuously working to provide the best possible educational experiences for our students. As part of our journey to becoming World Class we believe that having the right attitude also means being dressed for success. We believe that a change to a smarter, more formal uniform has the potential to have a strongly positive impact on the culture at Colton Hills.

Please see below the uniform information page which shows examples of the proposed new uniform.

We are conscious of the financial impact that this might have and we are keen to secure value for money for parents around school uniforms, so you will see the cost analysis in the attached information.

### **Next stages of the consultation**

We are consulting with staff, parents and students regarding these proposals and we would welcome your views [via this form](#) by the consultation closing date of **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March**.

Following the completion of the consultation, the final decision will be made by the Full Governing Body and parents will be informed of the decision by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

**If the proposal is approved by the Full Governing Body we expect to implement these proposals for the start of the 2021-22 academic year.**

Yours faithfully,

Andrea Stephens



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## Information on proposed changes to Uniform for Sept 2021

At Colton Hills we aim for the highest standards as set out in our vision statement – 'Journey to excellence'. We believe that high standards of dress and a smartly worn school uniform are important for several reasons:

- **It encourages students to 'dress for success' and to feel pride in being part of the Colton Hills community and embodies the idea of excellence and being World Class.**
- **It reduces the scope for competitive dressing which can be a source of much unhappiness for our students**
- **It is practical and relatively inexpensive**

We also know that a firm school uniform policy is what most parents/carers want, and that they want us to enforce it consistently.

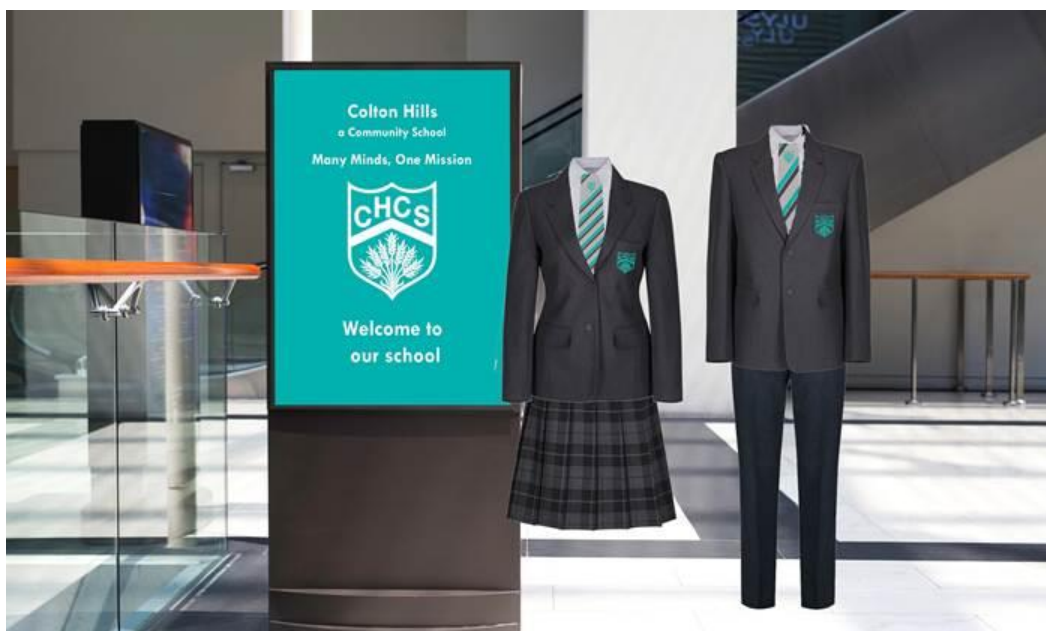
## Additional Factors to consider

In making any decision regarding uniform, it is important to stress that we are fully aware that school uniform represents a significant cost for families. As such it is important that we get the correct balance between cost, quality and appearance. We have also discussed payment plans with our suppliers who will be happy to support your needs in moving to a new uniform. We will have examples of the proposed new skirts and trousers in the main school reception for you and students to view.

We propose to make our uniform more formal from September 2021 in the following ways:

1. A change in the colour of logo
2. A change from the black blazer to a grey blazer
3. A change from black trousers and skirts to a formal grey trouser/grey checked pleated skirt.
4. The introduction of a grey V neck jumper – optional.

Please refer to the pictures below with approximate\*costings and then look at our price comparison for old to new uniform.





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## Pricing

Current Pricing	New Pricing Sept 21	Item
£29.99-36.99	29.50-36.50	Blazer
£5.00	£7.50	Tie
£17.99-20.99	£16.99-19.99	Trousers (Girls)
£14.99-17.99	£21.99	Skirt
£14.99-17.99	£15.99-18.99	Trousers Boys

## PE Kit

In addition to the changes to the main school uniform we are also looking to introduce a new PE kit which will reflect our house structure. This will help to build a greater sense of belonging within the school community.

The designs have not yet been finalised but we are working closely with suppliers with the intention that the new kit will match the current one in terms of cost.

Below is a picture of some of the options that we are currently looking at but as soon as we have designs finalised we will share them with you.



## Find out more

We will be holding a parent forum on 25<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30pm focused on the uniform proposals. During that forum you will have the opportunity to raise any questions. One of our suppliers will be joining us during the event as well.

[You can register for the event here.](#)