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Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Families,

Re: School Uniform

We are pleased to share that the school has refreshed its logo and branding in preparation for the new academic year. This update helps to modernise our energy and identity and better reflect our school community.

As part of this process, we have reviewed our school uniform in consultation with our suppliers and in response to feedback from our current children and Pupil Parliament. Following this, we reached out to families and, in February, asked you to complete a uniform survey. Thank you to everyone who shared their views. Your feedback, and that of our children, has been very helpful.

Overall, families indicated they were happy with our existing uniform. However, we also received helpful feedback regarding sensory needs, upper school colour options, jumper choices, and PE t-shirt suitability.

The feedback from children also highlighted the need for a more sensory friendly uniform alongside a PE shirt that felt sportier. This, and the element of choice of jumpers and t-shirts, was important to our children.

Following this consultation and the feedback we received, Governors have approved a revised uniform policy, which will come into effect from September 2026. The updated policy offers greater flexibility, comfort, and choice for students.

We understand that changes to uniform can have implications for families and timing and introduction is important. Therefore:

- Any newly purchased branded items for September 26 should follow the updated policy.
- Existing items with the previous logo will continue to be accepted until new items are needed. (this won't apply to PE shirts).

We understand that our existing parents may still have some uniform that fits and/or they bought items with enough growing room to last more than 1 year. I am very aware of the financial pressures many families are living under and therefore proposed to Governors that a change of uniform for our existing families was financially supported. Therefore, to support our families during this transition, and recognising the financial pressures that school uniform can present, the school will be providing **all current pupils in Years 4–10 with:**

- **One free** branded school jumper (choice of Riviera School Days sweatshirt/cardigan with the new logo or a VX3 quarter-zip jumper), and
- **One free** VX3 PE top

Revised Uniform Overview

To maintain affordability and flexibility, and in line with government guidelines, we have kept branded items to a minimum. Many key items can be purchased from a wide range of retailers, including supermarkets.

Branded School Uniform (Mandatory)

Outer Layer (choose one):

- Navy logo sweatshirt – Riviera School Days
Up to age 13: £12.00 | Larger sizes: £14.25
- Navy logo cardigan – Riviera School Days
Up to age 13: £13.25 | Larger sizes: £14.50
- Navy logo Fortis ¼ zip jumper – VX3
Youth: £25.00 | Adult: £30.00

T-shirt Options:

Years 4–8 (Sky Blue):

- Round neck logo t-shirt – £5.50–£6.50
- Logo polo shirt – £8.00–£11.00

Years 9–11 (Navy Blue):

- Round neck logo t-shirt – £5.50–£6.50
- Logo polo shirt – £8.00–£11.00

PE Kit:

- Navy logo PE t-shirt – VX3
Youth: £16.00 | Adult: £20.00

Non-Branded Uniform (can be purchased anywhere)

Trousers, leggings, joggers, skirts or shorts:

All black, smart and suitable for school.

All items must be plain black without any logos including sport logos.

Footwear:

All black shoes or trainers (no coloured markings)

No heels or platform heels

PE shorts:

Plain navy

We believe this updated policy and uniform strikes a positive balance between maintaining a strong school identity and ensuring affordability and choice for families. Most importantly, the new uniform reflects the sensory needs and element of choice for our children, ensuring they have a uniform they are both comfortable and proud to wear as students of Combe Pafford School.

Please note that Riviera School Days and VX3 are currently preparing stock for the new school year and updating their websites. While both suppliers offer online ordering and have local shops in Torbay, they are not yet accepting orders. We will share further information about sizing and ordering as soon as it becomes available.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Banfield', written in a cursive style.

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