



# BROOKE HILL ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to make you aware of some exciting proposals regarding our school uniform at Brooke Hill. Part of our focus this year is to ensure transitions in school are seamless and to ensure that children are prepared, confident and excited for the next phase of their school journey, both moving through the school and onto secondary school.

At a recent school council meeting, we discussed the school uniform and potential changes that the children would like to see. As you may be aware we have already provided the school councillors with a different coloured jumper to make them more visible and celebrate their leadership role.

At the moment we are considering the following options:

- Updating the PE shirt to a black and red sports top to replace the different coloured t-shirts (the rest of the kit will remain the same). This will look smarter in school and also mean that when we attend the many sports events we compete in, the children will be able to wear their own kit. In the colder months the children will be able to also wear either a school fleece or a plain black fleece.
- Introducing a school tie for Key Stage 2 to support the children feeling more grown up as they transition into Year 3 and begin to prepare them for secondary school. Along with this they will wear a collared white shirt and we will introduce v-neck jumpers for them. The rest of the uniform will remain the same and colour of the jumpers will remain Brooke Hill red. For pupil leaders they will have a slightly different tie to identify their leadership role. Children will still be able to wear summer dresses which they would not wear a tie with.

Please be aware that no decisions have been made yet and we are still gathering thoughts on these. The school council will be sharing these proposals with their classes over the next few weeks and following that we are planning to conduct an online parent consultation to gather your views too. When we begin the consultation more information regarding the proposals will be provided.

We would like to assure you that any decisions regarding uniform would be implemented through a planned transition. We are also ensuring that any proposals will not impact families adversely with costs and that non-branded alternatives will still be available. The PE Kit, as a small change we would like to see in place from September if possible. For Key Stage 2 we would hope to ensure the new uniform is available from our suppliers by the summer and children would then have the option to start wearing it from September 2024 with the expectation that all children in KS2 will wear the new uniform from September 2025.

Kindest regards,

Mrs O'Shaughnessy

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