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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to remind you of the introduction of the "Davenport Knife Pleat" school skirt in grey, with an option of navy blue for Year 11, from this September. The only exception is for students whose parents/carers had bought a new skirt just before we announced its implementation and who have already contacted the school as previously requested.

The skirt is sold by our uniform suppliers with the expectation that the skirt is **knee length**. As a general guideline, this will be 18" length for the smallest waist size and 20" length for most other waist sizes. Where there are exceptions, the uniform suppliers will help advise accordingly to ensure a good fit and correct length. Our suppliers are encouraging parents to purchase skirts over the next few weeks and are currently offering a 10% discount to new Year 7 students.

Acknowledging the concern raised about additional expense, we will help families in financial need so please contact the school in confidence to discuss any issues. Students also have the optional to wear school uniform trousers. This is an important change to our uniform and we will be ensuring that all skirts comply with this policy.

A second change of 'uniform' policy from September is that of haircuts. The rule that shaved hair should be no shorter than a number 2 remains, but students may now have a **faded** clipped back and sides shorter than a number 2 as we recognise that this is common and smart looking. Extreme hair styles e.g. shaved patterns, an all over cut less than a number 2, braided, beading and hair colour not within the students natural colour range (red, purple, black, blue, green, peroxide blonde etc.) are still not permitted. Any student in breach of these rules will lose social times until their hair has been rectified. Long hair is expected to be tied back in PE, technology and during scientific experiments.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Odlin
Assistant Headteacher

