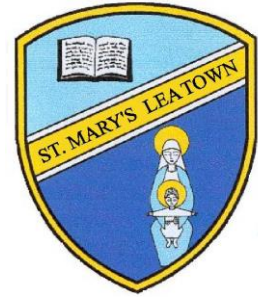


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*'Happy are those who hear the word of
God and keep it' Luke 11.28*

Tuesday 23rd of November 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

I write to you in regard to our uniform changes once more. Having talked to a few families on the yard and read through comments shared on the returned uniform slips to date, I have looked at any adaptations I may make in order to best support you, our families. I do take on board the comments I receive and continue to find ways of working in partnership.

I would like to make the following adaptations/ allowances;

PE T shirt – Pupils may continue to wear the existing PE shirt. I would expect that when they grow out of this they move to the new style.

Pupils **can** choose to move to the new style PE T shirt from our transitional period – January 2022 or our Formal Uniform change period September 2022.

Hoodies - These are a non-essential Item, however, pupils are invited to wear this for PE lessons should they wish to. Many pupils across the year groups have chosen to do so already, particularly for outdoor PE sessions.

Forest School Uniform Hoodie – This same Hoodie (noted above) forms part of the Forest School Uniform and is required for Pupils in Reception (Since Sept 21) and for pupils starting school from September 22 onwards.

Shirts – Fastening buttons is an excellent way to develop essential fine motor skills, which are essential for writing. Many schools have shirts within their uniform policy. Other alternatives are available. A fellow parent shared this link as one example of an 'easy fasten' Velcro shirt so I share this link should this be of interest. **This is NOT a requirement and simply shared as another alternative if this is of support.**

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/3-pack-boys-adaptive-easy-to-iron-shirts/p/clp60449909?color=WHITE>

As previously shared we will offer a transitional period from January 2022. This means should any pupil grow out of an item, you are welcome to move to the new uniform at this point. Pupils and families can also **choose** to move to our new uniform from this point too.

As a whole school we will move to our new Uniform from September 2022. If you strongly wish for your child to have the opportunity to wear a 'hand me down' uniform from an older sibling I will allow this until such point where the pupil has grown out of this. I would expect that when the items become too small you purchase the new style uniform in line with the rest of the school

For absolute clarity and to ensure uniformity, I re-share below the information in regard to our uniform and within that add the relevant amendments

Autumn uniform – This MUST be worn from September through to the Easter holidays

School jumper with logo, white shirt, tailored grey trousers and school tie. Plain un-patterned grey socks with black school shoes.

School cardigan with logo, white shirt, tartan pinafore or skirt* and school tie. Dark grey tights or grey knee socks only, with black school shoes.

* Pupils may alternate between the skirts and pinafores as we recognise, particularly for our younger pupils, a skirt is easier on a PE day.

Summer uniform – This MUST be worn upon return from Easter holidays until the end of the Summer holidays

School jumper with logo, white shirt, tailored grey knee shorts and school tie. Plain un-patterned grey socks with black school shoes

School Cardigan with logo, light blue checked summer dress and white ankle socks with black shoes.

Long hair must be tied back and hair accessories must be small and in school colours only (plain blue)

PE kit

Sports T-shirt with logo or existing white T shirt, navy shorts (or navy joggers in winter), navy hoodie with school logo (Optional additional item) and black school pumps (trainers for outdoor PE sessions).

Forest School Uniform

Navy hoodie with School logo and Navy joggers with PE T-shirt

I re-share below the ways in which we can support **ANY** family and re-attach a slip should you wish to return this to confidentially request support.

Kind Regards

Mrs. A. Brogden
Head Teacher

Is any help available with uniform costs ?

Yes - We have many different ways in which we are able to help – please do come and talk to us. You do not have to meet certain criteria in order to receive additional help or support.

Bang Bang provide support for those in need and have provided this service for a number of years. This is arranged through Mrs. Brogden.

Our local SVP Charity also support families and can be reached via cottamsvp@outlook.com

In addition we have other sources and links should this be something you require help with.

Bang Bang offers a 25% discount when you spend £40.00 or more – see price table at the end of this document.

Bang Bang can arrange payment plans and, should this be helpful you can pay a small amount each week such as £5 or £10 to create a savings pot in advance of September.

Governors are supporting us to create a ‘Swap Shop’ .We will stock this with new items, and, over time will add to this as pupils grow out of any old uniform.

We are always here to help in any way possible so simply ask if we can provide any additional support.

Bang Bang uniform suppliers price list

The list details costings for all items. As detailed earlier in this letter it is NOT necessary to buy all of these items through a uniform supplier- items such as the white shirts can be purchased from any stockist.

Uniform item	Cost	With discount applied ** Based on 25% discount when a total of £40.00 is spent
Jumper	£14.99	£11.25
Shirts individual	£5.99	£4.49
Shirts pack of two	£11.99	£8.99
Grey School trousers	£8.99 -£9.99	£6.74 -£7.49
Grey school shorts	£9.99	£7.49
Tie	£4.99	£3.74
Cardigan	£15.99	£11.99
School Skirt	£9.99	£7.49
School Pinafore	£12.99	£9.75
Summer dress	£9.99	£7.49
PE T shirt (PE/ Forest Schools)	£7.99	£5.99
PE Shorts (Navy)	£5.99	£4.49
PE bag (drawstring) (optional)	£4.99	£3.75
Sports Hoodie (PE/ Forest Schools)	£14.99	£11.25
School Coat (optional)	£16.99	£12.75

Meetings are scheduled with our additional suppliers and costs will be shared as soon as possible.

Private and Confidential

Dear Mrs. Brogden

Parent of Carer of Class

I do not wish to request additional support at this point thank you

I do wish to request some additional support towards the cost of uniform and I can be contacted on (Please insert preferred means of contact such as mobile number or email address)

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