

Our Ref:KH/WS/SchoolUniform

12th July 2023

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I write to provide some information that may assist you as you begin to purchase uniform and bus passes for the new term. As you know our expectations of school uniform are high and we have clear guidance of what is and what is not accepted. Please follow the link to the school website for details: <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/uniform/>.

The cost of uniform requires a significant outlay at the start of each year. There are some options available to parents to assist with this cost that I would like to draw your attention to.

By the time pupils get to secondary school, I don't need to advise you to shop around but I wanted to reassure you that you can. While our main suppliers of uniform are: Clive Mark, Uniform Plus and Crested Schoolwear. You don't have to use these suppliers for all of the uniform items required. High street supermarkets and stores such as *Asda*, *Marks and Spencer* or *Sainsburys* do offer alternatives. It is important to remember that some of these stores can promote their items as 'school uniform' but they don't actually fit with our policy – make sure you check any items against our requirements before making any purchases. For example stretchy skirts or lycra skin tight trousers are not permitted but are often promoted as options on the high street.

Although we have branded skirts and trousers, these are not essential. As long as the items meet the expectation of the uniform policy, you don't have to buy the items from the uniform shops.

Example cost difference for a pupil choosing to wear trousers (excluding tie and badge):

Items*	A Uniform Shop	Asda	Marks & Spencer
Blazer (excluding school badge)	£30.99	From £16.00	From £29.00
Trousers	Badged Trousers – not essential £23.49	X 2 pack regular £14.00	X 1 pack regular £14.00
Shirts	-	X 5 pack £13.50	X 5 pack £30.00
Total	£54.48 (excluding shirts)	£43.50	£73.00

*June 2023 prices

Recycling Uniform

Clive Mark provide a recycle scheme, where outgrown uniform in good condition, can be recycled and a discount will be issued to be used against any new items brought.



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We have a box in school in which to deposit any outgrown uniform. **You can then scan a QR code to gain a 10% discount off future purchases at Clive Mark shops.** Parents can bring uniform into school from Thursday 13th July until Friday 28th July. Reception is open between 8am- 4pm each day except Friday when it closes at 3.30pm. Alternatively, you can also visit the Clive Mark store to be able to donate and claim a 10% discount off new purchases.

PE Kit:

Our PE Kit is durable and looks smart, but we are aware that this can be costly too. I want to highlight some changes that we have made for September 2023, which may also help if the costs of uniform are difficult for you.

Having your **child's name embroidered onto their PE kit is now optional to reduce the cost.** But, please ensure that you label all uniform with your child's name as items do get lost.

We have also changed the specification of the shorts making them cheaper. These are available at the uniform suppliers.

Remember that pupils do not need to have shorts, track pants and leggings; one choice of bottoms is sufficient. Meaning that the cost for a PE kit can be: £27.48 if the shorts are chosen.

The changes to the PE kit were presented to our Parent Forum where the amendments to support cost reduction were acknowledged.

Travel West Midlands – Bus Pass

If you are buying a bus pass for your child, make sure you check the West Midlands Travel webpage for their offers: <https://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/tickets-prices/under-18-term-plus>

Useful links to school uniform suppliers:

Uniform Shop	Website	Local Store Contact
Clive Mark	https://clivemark.co.uk/ Recycle uniform in school or at the shop for 10% off purchases of new uniform	Walsall – 01922 622 556
Uniform Plus	https://www.uniformsplus.co.uk/	Great Barr – 0121 357 8285
Crested Schoolwear	https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/	Walsall – 01922 276 266

Yours sincerely,



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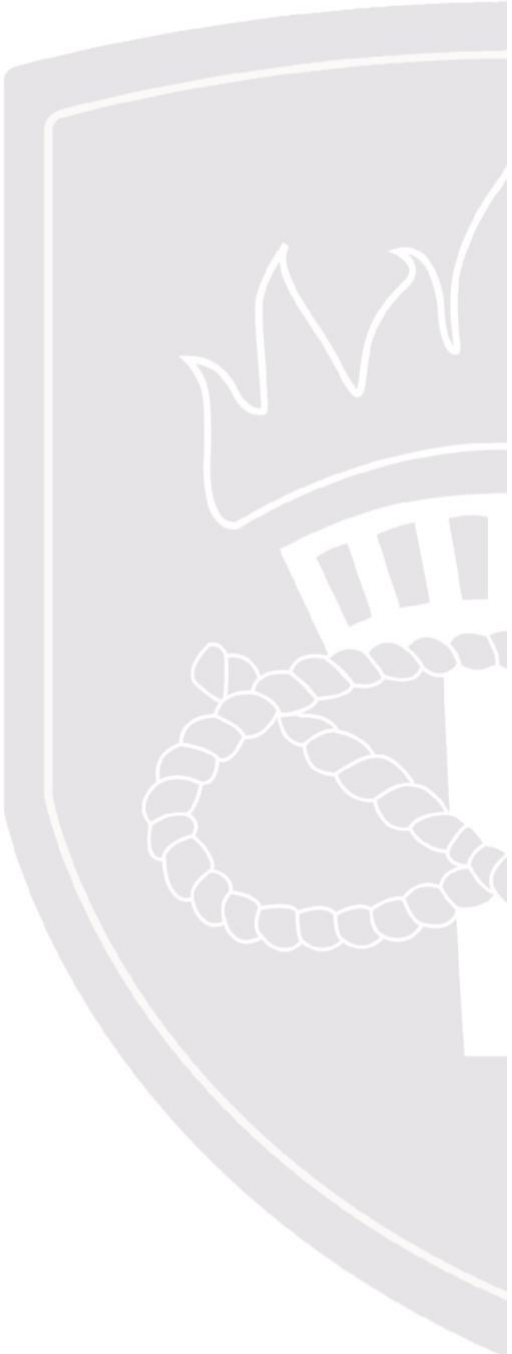


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