



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing concerning uniform arrangements for September.

We recently conducted a consultation with all parents about uniform. This followed a trend for a number of girls choosing to wear 'fashion' skirts, which are particularly short and made of a jersey-style fabric. In addition, there are a growing number of boys and girls wearing 'skinny' trousers which are not part of our uniform code.

Thank you to all parents who responded to the consultation. We had a high number of responses and very mixed views. In relation to skirts, the main themes to emerge were consideration of price and the fact that one design does not suit all girls.

In response to your feedback our revised uniform code for skirts is:

Either a knee-length straight black skirt with a small vent at the back for movement, or a plain black **knee-length** skirt with box pleats or a black **knee length** A line skirt. Close fitting, jersey style or stretchy material is not permitted. Whichever style of skirt is chosen, the height from the top of the patella (knee cap) to the bottom of the skirt should be a maximum of 2.5 cms.

Our recommendation is that school uniform items are purchased from the suppliers – Shaw Hardcastle in Halifax and Bridge Schoolwear in Huddersfield (further details are on the website). Skirts purchased from other suppliers must meet the uniform code criteria.

This similar principle applies to other items such as school trousers.

The start of a new academic year is always a good time to start afresh and we urge you to ensure that your child has the correct uniform in place for September. Students are being informed via assemblies before the end of term. The Progress Leaders and SLT members will support Form Tutors to reinforce the high standards that we expect.

We are fully aware that the school has a role to play as well and accept that we have to address areas of inconsistency to be fair to all. From September, your child's Form Tutor will be checking uniform of boys and girls. If students have the correct uniform but are wearing it incorrectly, a warning will be issued to the students. Further disregard for the uniform guidelines for a second time will result in a detention.

If the uniform itself does not meet the above requirements, parents will be emailed with a request that the correct uniform be purchased within one week. Failure to do so will result in the parent being invited to school for a meeting to discuss this further. If students are not wearing the appropriate uniform due to financial reasons then we can offer support. Parents should contact Mrs Claire Heaton in the first instance.

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We hope you find this to be a sensible way forward to ensure standards are high and we are grateful in advance of your support for our policy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L Cassidy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Lynnette Cassidy
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