



25 June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Uniform

We believe that the uniform regulations support the ethos of the school by determining the boundaries of acceptable dress. We do not consider the new items of uniform for September 2019 to be a significant change to the uniform policy and therefore did not consult parents. By providing a pair of standard black trousers to students we are supporting them to meet the existing uniform regulations.

In supporting students to meet the existing uniform regulations for skirts, we provided the option of two black skirts and a checked skirt. We decided to give our students a voice in the style of the skirt by asking for their views and as an outcome, went with the checked skirt which was by far their preferred choice.

By giving our students a say in the style of skirt and by adding a logo to the trousers we are enhancing the school ethos by giving students further opportunities to show the pride that they have in belonging to Weavers Academy.

Cost

The school currently supports new intakes of students entering the school in Year 7 and those who enter mid-term by providing a free uniform.

Given parental/carer feedback we have approached the supplier again and have negotiated a further saving. Together with assistance provided by the school, the revised prices for a pair of trousers and a skirt are set out below:

	Size 20-26 inches (zero rated)	Size 28-44 inches (including 20% VAT)
Trousers with logo	£11.95	£14.75
Skirt	£15.95	£19.50

These reductions will be also be applied to all initial orders already placed.

Additionally, to provide parents/carers with a level of assurance, we intend to hold these prices until September 2023 whilst keeping the cost of uniform under review.

Please be assured that Weavers Academy does not make any profit from these sales of uniform items. All savings negotiated with suppliers are always passed onto parents/carers.



Value for money

The quotes from suppliers for the school trousers with logo have ranged from £11.95 to £16.95 (for the VAT zero-rated sizes) and from £14.75 to £21.54 (for the VAT inclusive sizes). We therefore believe that the price that we have achieved represents value for money, particularly given the quality of the items. We will continue to negotiate with suppliers to ensure that the best value for money is achieved for parents/carers by carefully assessing quality and pricing. Given the style of the preferred skirt, obtaining quotes has been problematic and will therefore be kept under constant review to ensure value for money is achieved and passed on to our parents/carers.

Examples of the trousers and skirt can be viewed in our main reception area. Please do drop in if you would like to see the items in more detail.

We look forward to receiving outstanding orders by 30 June 2019.

Please be assured that we value your feedback and will be utilising it to inform future practice. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01933 222830.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Samantha Satyanadhan".

Samantha Satyanadhan
Vice-Principal