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Dear Parent/carer

Our most recent correspondence shared information about the consultation process in relation to the school uniform. We would like to share some further information to provide clarification in the form of some frequently asked questions.

Is the proposed skirt more expensive and is there support with this additional cost?

The proposed skirts are more expensive than the previous skirt however, the cost is in line with other schools in the Westcountry Schools Trust and the majority of schools across our region. We are keen to ensure that our uniform meets the high standards we wish to represent at Plymstock School.

As stated in the Headteacher's Update letter, dated 4 May 'if you foresee any funding concerns with regards to purchasing the skirt or any other uniform item for your child, I encourage you to contact school to discuss this and we will endeavour to support wherever possible'.

Further to this we are exploring how we support an exchange system for those parent/ carers that have recently purchased a new grey skirt for their child in the current year 7. Further details on any exchange system to support with the cost will be shared following the outcome of the consultation and democratic process, which is due to be finalised by the 12 May.

Why are boys allowed to vote on a skirt they do not have to wear?

We are an inclusive School where equality is promoted.

All students in years 7 and 8 have been given the opportunity to vote. We will collate all votes and then break down the votes into sub categories so that we can establish which sub groups have voted for which skirt so that we can ensure a fair process and outcome for all. We have taken the opportunity during the voting to educate all students on the significance of participating responsibly through a democratic approach.

Can students wear trousers?

Trousers are an option for all students and the guidance on the school website states;

'Trousers - Plain, dark grey formal tailored school or suit style trousers. Alternatives such as jeans/denim, cottons, leggings, or jeggings are not permitted.'

We hope this further clarification helps answer any questions that you may have and we will share the outcome in due course.

Kind regards

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