

Houghton Conquest Lower School

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Value of the Month: Appreciation

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Dear Parents/Carers

School Uniform

We hope that this letter finds you well. We wrote to you in July last year in regard to our uniform policy and stated that as a temporary measure we had decided to relax the requirement for logo'd polo tops and allow plain white polo tops for the academic year 2021/2022.

We have further reflected on the current cost of living challenges faced by us all as inflation rises and the latest Statutory Government Guidance asking schools to keep the use of branded uniform items to a minimum. We will therefore be making a permanent change to our uniform policy and will be happy to see children in plain white polo shirts. Further to this we are also happy for maroon cardigans, jumpers and fleeces to be plain but ask that children have just have one logo'd jumper/cardigan, which will be essential for celebration days, school and sports trips etc.

We are confident that this change will help support our whole school family and that this will be welcomed by all.

Please refer to the list below as a reminder of our uniform policy and essential items required for your child. Please ensure you **name all uniform**; this ensures we can return items to the rightful owner should they be mislaid in school.

Essential Uniform

- Sweatshirt/cardigan or knitted cardigan/sweater with school logo (maroon) x1
- Sweatshirt/cardigan or knitted cardigan/sweater (maroon)
- Polo shirt (white)
- PE kit with plimsolls/trainers (white t-shirt /maroon shorts & PE Bag)
- Book bag (maroon in colour)
- Grey or black skirt/trousers or pinafore dress
- Plain **non-branded** tracksuit bottoms and top for outside PE (grey/black/maroon)
- Black school shoes (*shoes should enclose the foot, have a strap around the ankle, a t-bar or be velco*) to ensure the shoe remains securely on the foot. Lace-ups are acceptable but only if your child is able to tie their own laces.
- Coat

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• Named water bottle (we do stock water bottles in school)













Optional Uniform

- Gingham dress (red/white) Summer term plus Autumn 1
- Fleece Jacket with logo (maroon)
- Knitted beanie with logo (maroon)

This information is also available on our website, under the parent's section. Our uniform supplier has an online ordering facility at; <u>www.prestigedesignww.co.uk.</u> If you wish to visit the shop in Flitwick please ensure you make an appointment first (you can access booking information on their website).

Funded Uniform

For children who attract Pupil Premium funding we do have the option for uniform to be part funded, so if you are finding it difficult to provide your child with uniform please reach out and let us know. We would be very happy to assist, in confidence, where we can.

'Bring & Buy' Uniform Sale – Friday 8th July, 3.00pm till 3.30pm

The most recent Statutory Government Guidance asks all schools to ensure second hand uniform is available to parents. To support this and our goal to become an accredited ecofriendly school we will be running a high quality 'Bring and Buy' sale twice a year in July and March. We would really appreciate your help with this.

Parents/Carers are invited to donate clean, unstained good quality item/s of school uniform to the sale. We will also use unnamed and unclaimed lost property. We will always put all lost property out for collection before any sale takes place.

When you donate you will receive a voucher to redeem against another item of clothing at the sale. If you do not have any suitable items to bring to the sale you may still purchase items for a small fee of £0.50 per item. Please donate all that you can to make this initiative a success.

Items for the July sale can be dropped off at school between, 8.45am and 9.00am and 3.00pm and 3.30pm, on Thursday 7th of July.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely

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Miss Heaslip Headteacher