



# Diss High School

Headteacher: Mr S Stopps

March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

In the past few days, we have welcomed in spring once more, and we are all looking forward to an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors over the forthcoming Easter holidays. On behalf of all the staff here at school, we hope you have a fantastic break and get to spend some time with family and friends over the next two weeks.

You should all have received communication from school in the last few weeks outlining the recent events that have occurred at school, specifically our Ofsted inspection and the completion of our membership of the Enrich Learning Multi Academy Trust. We are now looking forward to an exciting future as part of Enrich and we will be pleased to share the final report from Ofsted as soon as it is published.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say that having listened to students, parents and staff, our governors have decided to make some changes to our uniform policy. This is in response to a range of concerns raised such as cost, availability and female comfort.

**From September 2024, school trousers are expected to be black** rather than grey. The exception to this will be Year 11, who will be allowed to continue to wear either black or grey trousers for the whole year. To help with the transition to this change, all years will be allowed to wear either black OR grey trousers over the Summer term. However, the only trousers that will be accepted are plain unbranded tailored black trousers available from school outfitters and other retailers. Please be aware that leggings, joggers, cargo pants, flairs, skinny jeans or tightly fitted trousers will still NOT be part of the school uniform regardless of colour.

Governors have also responded to concerns about uniform during the hotter summer months. To that end, from the start of the second half of the Summer term (3<sup>rd</sup> June onwards), **all students can wear tailored black shorts** instead of trousers as part of our school uniform. This means that during days of high temperature, students will be able to wear their school polo shirts and black tailored shorts to help them keep cool. If there is a heatwave before half term, a decision will be taken regarding shorts at that point. There will be no need to wear PE kit as an "alternative uniform" over the summer months. Indeed, PE kit will only be worn during PE lessons (or specific sporting events such as Sports Day) going forward. In addition, our PE uniform policy states that PE shorts must be plain navy sports shorts so please bear this in mind when purchasing the PE kit. Black sports shorts (plain or branded), cycling-style tight shorts and ¾ leggings will NOT accepted as school uniform or PE kit.

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A summary of the changes in uniform and links to examples of what is acceptable are outlined below.

[https://direct.asda.com/george/school/shorts/boys-black-slim-fit-slim-leg-school-shorts-2-pack/G006550303\\_default.pd.html?redirectFromInt=1](https://direct.asda.com/george/school/shorts/boys-black-slim-fit-slim-leg-school-shorts-2-pack/G006550303_default.pd.html?redirectFromInt=1)

<https://www.schooluniformshop.co.uk/filter.php/girls/girls-school-trousers/black>

<https://tuclighting.sainsburys.co.uk/product/tuc128763200>

From start of Summer term 2024 (15 <sup>th</sup> April onwards)	Grey or Black tailored school trousers – all years
After Summer Half-term onwards (3 <sup>rd</sup> June)	Black tailored shorts (optional) – all years
From start of new academic year, Autumn term 2024 (September onwards)	Black tailored school trousers - Years 7 – 10  Grey or Black tailored school trousers – Year 11 only

Further information on our uniform policy can be found on our website by following the link - <https://www.disshigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/parents/school-uniform/>.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that **hoodies/sweat tops and non-school jumpers are not part of our school uniform**. So, students must not wear them instead of the school jumper. If hoodies are worn around school, students risk getting them confiscated. Outdoor coats and garments should be dark and sober in colour, button or zip up jackets and have no large designs or logos.

We are aware that the cost of living continues to present significant challenges at present, so if you require any assistance with this change in policy, please do get in touch.

If you have any other concerns or questions in relation to this, please let us know. In the meantime, we wish you all the very best for Easter and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the Summer term.

Kind regards,

Mr B Lea, Assistant Headteacher – Pupil Support.

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