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Dear parent/carer,

Uniform Consultation

Many thanks to those parents who have completed the google form in response to the suggested changes to the school uniform. It is exceptionally important to us that we engage all parents so they feel they have a voice in any changes within the school. Change is most effective when every voice is heard.

After reading some of the initial responses, it has become clear that some details were not sufficiently communicated yesterday and for this we apologise. Here are a few further details that will hopefully give some clarification as to the reasons for this consultation and any subsequent changes.

Our observations of the children's uniform as a whole is that it is not actually uniform. We have children in shirts and polo shorts as well as jumpers, cardigans and fleeces with the school logo, but also ones without. Such differences do not foster a sense of belonging and also do not show the school for what it is – an amazing school where all children belong. We believe that our school jumpers, which have our school logo on, will create a sense of unity and be a true uniform of Newchurch.

Some parents have expressed concern regarding having to go out and purchase new uniform, particularly after just managing to clothe their children following the recent lockdown. To put your mind at rest, any changes to the school uniform will be staggered. We appreciate that the purchase of new uniform immediately may create a financial burden and therefore, as your child grows out of their uniform, the expectation would be that the new uniform would be introduced. This will result in a period of transition which would mean there was a mismatch of uniform styles in school for a short while but then eventually become more 'uniform' over time (pardon the pun). The uniform will not be changing immediately as we will need to speak with suppliers in plenty of time. It would only be in September 2022 that we would expect any changes to start happening.

Already, parents have raised issues or made suggestions that we have not considered. This is absolutely fantastic and we very much welcome this. We would like to reassure you that this is a genuine consultation where we value all contributions so the more parents we can gain opinions from the better. The information we have shared is only a suggestion and we are very keen to gain **all** parental comments before making any changes. The aim is that all comments made will be considered as part of the Parent Board meeting before any decision is made.

If you haven't managed to make a contribution, please complete the form using this link:
<https://forms.gle/wsR5YZjV4ySKYBg57> The form will close on Tuesday 23rd March.



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Joke Book Consent

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday by wearing the most bizarre mismatched clothes. We will also creating our very own electronic joke book. If you haven't done so already, please could we ask that any consent is completed using the links below so that your child can be included. If we do not have consent, your child will not be included.

Reception	https://forms.gle/1UKFKEMzmWm6qam39
Year 1	https://forms.gle/qW9GR8g5nypvBUNo6
Year 2	https://forms.gle/6wFkfcPhYh29NAo9
Year 3	https://forms.gle/dGupfbQcCidfwzFR9
Year 4	https://forms.gle/z6iKRTJFs2oo15349
Year 5	https://forms.gle/xFxYg76gur6YjwM8A
Year 6	https://forms.gle/TyypeC73ikxWyW5S7

Homework

After careful consideration, we decided to not set homework for the first two weeks following the return of all children to school on 8th March. This was to allow the children to adjust to being back in school and focus on their well-being. This week, the teachers are completing assessments to enable them to identify the focus of homework in the future to ensure that it is focused on any areas the children need to work on. Homework will start again on Monday 22nd March.

As always, thank you so much for your valued and continued support.

Take care and keep safe,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher



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