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Dear Parent/Carer

School Uniform Price Increases from 1st February 2024

Our uniform supplier, Sportswear International, has advised us that there will be a price increase of 4% on their products from 1st February 2024.

SWI stated that in recognition of the current cost of living crisis, they have been working hard to find ways of reducing the impact of RPI on the cost of school uniform. As the industry's largest manufacturer and supplier of school uniform, they have put a huge amount of effort into cost control throughout the supply chain, to find ways of suppressing the inevitable increases in operating costs such as energy prices and wages.

The price increase for 2024 will be 4% which is 34% below the RPI of 6.1%. Whilst any increase is difficult, SWI are pleased to have been able to minimise the impacts we are all feeling in the current financial climate.

We are very aware of the cost of school uniform and reduced the number of compulsory branded items from September 2023 to ensure that the cost is kept to a minimum. Non-school logoed and non-branded items can all be purchased from any supplier.

If your child is likely to need new items of uniform or PE kit in the near future you may wish to consider placing an order with SWI before 1st February.

We are keen to support all students and do not wish for any child to be disadvantaged due to financial hardship. If you have difficulty paying for uniform, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pyke, the Business Manager, who will be happy to help you. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Rea-Palmer
Assistant Headteacher