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Dear Parents, Carers, Students, and Staff,

We are writing to share an update regarding our upcoming Pink Day on Friday 23rd October.

Initially, the school had planned for Pink Day to be a "uniform with pink accessories" day, rather than a full non-uniform or costume event. As a leadership team, we have to balance our fundraising efforts with maintaining a focused learning environment. This term, we have three non-uniform days scheduled very close together. Experience shows that too many non-uniform days in a short period can negatively impact school standards, focus, and behaviour.

Furthermore, during our recent Culture Day—which was a wonderfully vibrant and successful celebration—we noticed that while many students wore beautiful cultural dress, a large number came in standard "own clothes". This unfortunately diluted the core purpose of the day. We were determined not to let that happen with Pink Day, given how vital this event is for raising money for breast cancer—a cause we know deeply affects many families within our own school community.

However, our students and staff have shown us that they see this differently. Over the last week, many pupils and staff members have visited me to advocate passionately for a traditional Pink Day.

Because of their immense passion and dedication to this vital cause, **we have decided to change our plans and grant their request. On Friday 23rd October, students and staff are fully encouraged to wear full pink outfits and costumes.** To participate, staff and students will need to pay **£1 on entry** to the school, with all proceeds going directly to breast cancer research and support. Please note that standard "own clothes" or non-uniform outfits will not be accepted. This is such an important charity, and we do not want the meaning of the day to be diluted. **For any student who does not embrace the pink theme in their outfit, home will be contacted with a request to bring in a change of school uniform.**

To ensure our school standards and learning environments remain high, we will instead change our plans for the upcoming Children in Need event later this term. **Children in Need will no longer be a non-uniform day.** Instead, we will remain in school uniform, using themed accessories and specific community activities during the day to raise funds.

Thank you to our exceptional students, parents and staff for your continued support in balancing high standards with meaningful charity work.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Warde