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Dear Parents and Carers,

Update to Houlton School Uniform Policy

At Houlton School, we take immense pride in our identity. Our uniform is more than just clothing; it is a symbol of our shared values, our high expectations, and the "moral purpose" that drives everything we do. It ensures that every student starts their day on an equal footing, ready to excel.

We are writing to share our updated Uniform Policy which will come into effect from 1st September 2026. This update has been carefully designed to align with the latest Department for Education (DfE) statutory guidance regarding the cost of school uniforms. Balancing affordability with excellence we understand that the cost of living remains a concern for many of our families. In line with government guidelines, we have reviewed our requirements to ensure that the cost of our uniform is reasonable and represents the best value for money. However, reducing the number of branded items does not mean we are lowering our expectations. We remain committed to upholding the highest standards of dress and appearance. We believe that when students look professional, they feel professional and are better prepared for the rigours of the school day.

Our Compulsory Items

To provide more flexibility for families, we have narrowed down our list of compulsory branded items. The only items that must be purchased from our specialist supplier are:

- 1. Houlton branded Tie**
- 2. Houlton branded Blazer**
- 3. Lower body Houlton branded garments (Tartan skirt*, Trousers, Shorts)**
- 4. Houlton branded PE top**

All other items—such as white shirts and additional PE kit—can be purchased from any high-street retailer, provided they meet the specifications outlined in the policy below.

Our Supplier: Webb Ellis

Our official uniform continues to be stocked by Webb Ellis at their shop in Rugby.

For your convenience, Webb Ellis will continue to stock a range of additional branded items (such as Houlton jumpers or specific PE mid-layers). While these are excellent quality and many families prefer them, we wish to clarify that these are optional and not a compulsory requirement of our uniform code.

[Houlton School Uniform Policy 2026](#)



Next Steps

We ask that you review the full policy details above. These changes are intended to support our community while ensuring that the "Houlton look" remains a point of pride for our students.

Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring our students arrive at school looking smart, feeling confident, and ready to learn.

Yours faithfully,



Lorna Pountney
Head of School