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Dear Parent/Carer,

P7 LEAVERS' HOODIES

Last year, I received some requests to consider allowing the children to wear their P7 Leavers' Hoodies earlier than we would normally. This usually takes place for the month of June. I could understand why Parents/Carers and children would want to get the most wear out of these garments, especially when there is a cost involved.

There were valid reasons for the way things have been done historically:

- During the final term, when thoughts are fixed on high school, we can experience more challenging behaviour than usual in P7.
- When the hoodies become 'uniform' the rest of our uniform standards slip (i.e., P7 stop wearing shirt, tie, black trousers/skirt, etc. The hoodie should be worn with the rest of the uniform.
- There is a long term ahead of us and lots to do and achieve in P7 and so we need the children to have the correct mindset for this!

I have discussed this with the children and have agreed the following with them:

- At the meeting with Mrs Murray from Cardinal Newman, it was made very clear that all children will be expected to wear full school uniform – that is, shirt, tie, blazer, black trousers/skirt and plain black shoes.
- On PE days at Cardinal Newman, children will be expected to wear plain black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and the CNHS PE t-shirt, which will be given to the children to wear. They will change out of their uniforms and in to their kit on PE days.
- I take the opportunity to remind everyone that this was not a new expectation! We expect that all children will wear school uniform too!

In preparation for the move to Cardinal Newman, all P7 children are expected to wear their shirt and P7 tie.

- Children will be able to wear their leavers' hoodies from **17th April 2023** – they will be distributed on **16th April**.
- If wearing their hoodie, children must also wear their blue shirt and P7 school tie – unless it is their PE day.
- We will provide anyone who has lost their tie with a new one.



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- We will also provide Blue School Shirts for anyone who needs one or two to get them to the end of term. If you would like us to provide these, scan the QR code to complete an online request ASAP.
- **Replacement shirts and ties are offered free of charge as we want to support families in encouraging the P7s to wear their uniform in preparation for S1!**

During this term, the weather can be changeable and it can be warmer both inside and outside of the building. Hoodies are heavy garments, so we will be encouraging the children to keep their temperature lower by removing their hoodies if it becomes too warm!

YOU SAID – WE DID!

I hope that those who requested that the hoodies be issued earlier will be supportive of the small request to ensure uniform is worn between now and the end of term. I also hope that it is noted that we listened to your opinion! It's all part of us working together as a school community.

We ask that ALL PARENTS/CARERS scan the QR code or click [HERE](#) to let us know that you acknowledge this letter and agree to the request.

I look forward to seeing the children wearing their hoodies proudly!

With renewed good wishes,

Kris Thomas
Head Teacher

P7 Leavers' Hoodie Agreement

