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Children's Services

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Dear Parent/Carer,

You have received communication from us about school uniform and school bags for August recently. I'm sure you will appreciate that we have not made these decisions lightly and have considered health & safety and financial implications for families throughout the decision making process. Our decisions about school uniform were made with our Trinity cluster schools as directed by the local authority. We know that other schools outside of the Trinity cluster may have made slightly different decisions and this may be causing some confusion. We thought it would be helpful to clarify a few points.

- We are recommending that all children return with the informal uniform (joggers, polo shirt etc). However if a parent decides they would prefer their child to wear the formal uniform on any day we will support this.
- If circumstances change throughout session 2020/2021 (in relation to COVID health & safety), we will not be insisting on a move back to formal uniform part way through the year due to financial implications for families and possible difficulties getting uniform part way through the year.

All staff at St James' are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers. Whilst we endeavour to provide clear guidance around school uniform during these unprecedented times we do not want to cause any unnecessary worry or financial pressure around school uniform in August.

Yours sincerely

Natalie Fitzsimmons
Head Teacher

