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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Uniform update for session 2016-17**

We have worked really hard over the last few sessions to improve the standard of school uniform at Balforn High School. I do appreciate that maintaining a high standard requires a huge effort from school staff and support from parents. With this in mind, and following feedback from some of our current parents, I am pleased to detail the options you have for purchasing the school uniform.

In addition to working with Academy Uniforms, we have re-established the link with Trutex. From now on, they will carry our school blazer. This means that you will have the choice of purchasing as follows:

- the Trutex shop on 35B Argyle Street (between St Enoch Centre and back of Argyle Street train station) or their on-line site [www.border-embroideries.co.uk](http://www.border-embroideries.co.uk)  
Please note that the Trutex Blazer is the same style but is a Teflon mix. The Academy Uniform blazer is an eco-blazer.
- Academy Uniforms on-line at [www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk](http://www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk)

The option is, of course, yours!

Many parents fed back that they appreciated the uniform evenings. I have organised them again with Trutex, at Balforn High School as follows:

**Wednesday 8th June 2016 6pm - 8pm**

**Thursday 9th June 2016 6pm - 8pm**

**Parents of P7 pupils are welcome to come along on the evening most convenient.**

Stock will be available to purchase and take home on these dates. However, any blazer sizes that are not in stock will be delivered to the school and will be ready for collection **on Monday 17th August 2016 between 10.00am and 11.00 am**. Any blazers ordered before 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 will be delivered to the school free of charge on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and blazers ordered before 21<sup>st</sup> of the month will be delivered free of charge to the school on 28<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Payment can be made by credit/debit card, cash or cheque (which must be accompanied by a cheque guarantee card).

## Cost

The Trutex blazers are:

- Boy's blazer - £23.80 for (up to size 36") and £29.34 (from 38" +).
- Girl's blazer - £25.75 (up to size 36") and £32.34 (from 38" +).
- Prefect blazer is cost of blazer and £5 for braiding.

Academy Uniforms supply blazers for £28 without braiding (£38 with braiding for S6 Prefects only).

The school will purchase some that can be used to support those who genuinely find the cost prohibitive. This will be addressed privately and sensitively. It is also recognised that some families have a number of children at Balfron High School.

## Skirts & Trousers

Many parents have shared their frustration in finding appropriate school skirts for their daughters. Trutex have two different styles that I have endorsed as suitable for Balfron High School uniform. You can see these on their website ([www.border-embroideries.co.uk](http://www.border-embroideries.co.uk)) or in the shop.

School trousers should be tailored. Similarly I have endorsed a pair of tailored trousers for Balfron High School uniform. Again, these can be viewed on the Trutex website ([www.border-embroideries.co.uk](http://www.border-embroideries.co.uk)). I hope that you will find this useful.

Please note that jeans, leggings and body-con or short skirts are not appropriate school wear.

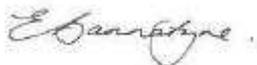
## Shoes

All of our young people should wear plain black school shoes.

I remain a strong advocate of school uniform. I am very much of the belief that uniform contributes positively to the school ethos and can influence the views the local community have of our pupils. I hope that the emphasis on maintaining a high standard of uniform will continue to cement our young people's sense of community and remove material differences that may cause potential peer pressure.

Thank you again for your input. Should you wish to discuss individual issues, please contact me, or a member of the Senior Management Team. I very much appreciate your support in continuing to make this a success.

Yours faithfully,



Elaine Bannatyne  
Head Teacher