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Dear Parent/Carer/Colleague/Student

Further to my communications about school uniform I am writing to confirm final arrangements for uniform at CNS from September 2024. As you aware we have evaluated responses from staff, students, parents/carers and determined that fundamentally the CNS uniform is fit for purpose. It was noted in all surveys that the CNS uniform is affordable, practical, comfortable, and inclusive.

The exception to this is the skirts which are cited in every survey as a cause for concern, with the most common reasons being:

- Too much variance of type of skirt that can be worn
- Some skirts worn are inappropriate for a school environment
- Short, elastic skirts damage the overall smart appearance of the whole uniform
- It was noted that enforcing the skirt policy can be difficult for parents due to the availability of appropriate skirts in shops

As a result, from September 2024, the top half of CNS uniform will remain and is to be worn with trousers, knee length shorts or a pleated skirt.

CNS would prefer all students to wear black school trousers or knee length black shorts, which are readily available in most supermarkets and department stores for boys and girls. The trousers or shorts must be cotton and or polyester, they must be trousers and not jeans, leggings, jeggings, or tracksuit bottoms. Trousers must be full length and reach the ankle or shoe. Please see example available at M&S below.

[School 2pk Girls' Slim Leg Longer Length Trousers \(2-18 Yrs\) | M&S Collection | M&S \(marksandspencer.com\)](#)



Skirts will still be part of the CNS uniform and if your child prefers to wear a skirt, it must be a black pleated skirt that finishes on or no more than a hand width above the knee. The skirt must be cotton and or polyester, it must not be a tube skirt or made from stretchy material of any kind. Please see examples available from Next or Birds of Dereham below. Pleated skirts are already part of the CNS uniform therefore we recommend that if you need to buy new uniforms to be worn this year, please buy a pleated skirt.

[Buy Black Pleat Skirts 2 Pack \(3-16yrs\) from the Next UK online shop](#)

<https://www.birdsofdereham.com/shop/product/drop-waist-knife-pleat-skirt-28555/>



Anything that does not fit the description as specified, it will not be school uniform, and students will not be allowed to wear it. If a student is wearing incorrect uniform from September 2024, they will be given correct uniform to wear by the school for that day (subject to availability), if they refuse, then parents will be contacted, and the behaviour policy will be applied. We will make expectations very clear with parents, staff, and students in the summer term and again when students return in September.

CNS expects correct uniform to be worn and we appreciate everyone's support with this.

The aim of our uniform at CNS is to promote an inclusive, high-achieving ethos and a sense of pride in belonging to the school community and we appreciate your support in helping us to continue to do so.

Yours sincerely

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