



24th April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

In October the [government issued guidance on school uniform](#), which has limited secondary schools in England to three branded/ bespoke items (plus a tie, which is not relevant at FSG) from September 2026. We removed compulsory logos on almost all items some years ago, in advance of the requirement to do so, and we have always been mindful of the cost of our uniform. We have taken this opportunity to make sensible updates that we hope will be welcomed by students and parents/carers alike.

Compulsory items from September 2026

We have decided that the three branded/ bespoke items from September 2026 will be:

- Blazer
- Kilt type skirt in FSG tartan OR plain navy trousers
- PE shirt in FSG colours

The kilt is a particularly expensive piece of uniform, and we have looked at ways to reduce the cost. Working with our supplier we are introducing a kilt type skirt - by removing the double layer of fabric at the front, we are using less material and therefore the kilt price will reduce for families. We have also negotiated that all remaining stock of the old style wraparound kilts will be sold at the same price as the new style. For sizes 20-28" the price from this April is £21.25, and 30-40" is £25.50.

PE kit updates from April 2026

The skort in FSG colours will no longer be a compulsory item, and there will be the following non branded alternatives:

- Plain navy [skort](#)
- Plain navy [2-in-1 shorts](#)

I have included links to the Price and Buckland shop so it is clear the type of style that is allowed. Please note that plain navy shorts, including the tight fitting and very short "Nike Pro" style, are not uniform and students should not wear these for PE lessons.

We have made the decision to continue to sell the FSG skort in the online shop. Following student requests, our skort is made for us at a longer length than skorts are typically manufactured, and we recommend that parents/carers carefully consider their daughter's comfort when making the choice

of which item to buy. The FSG skort is also at a price point that is competitive with the plain navy versions found on Amazon and elsewhere. In order for us to help parents/carers with costs, particularly new year 7 students who have a large upfront purchase to cover, Price and Buckland have created a bundle deal of PE top/leggings or jogging bottoms/skort/PE hooded sweatshirt with 10% off if all four items are purchased.

Our site is large and open to the elements, and we have received feedback that students are occasionally cold in PE lessons. We are introducing a plain navy or black long sleeve base layer as an optional extra to the uniform list. The base layer can be worn underneath the PE top for extra warmth.

Sports bras are optional, and a personal decision for students, parents and carers. However, we strongly recommend that they are worn for PE, FSGBacc and other sporting activities. The DfE are [clear in their guidance](#) that we should promote the importance of girls wearing one when taking part in PE and sport.

As we move into the summer months, with students wearing their PE kit throughout the school day during the exam season, we ask that all parents/carers check their daughter's PE kit for fit and length in the next few weeks.

Availability of Second Hand uniform

We have a stock of second hand uniform, and we are always open to receiving donations of clean bagged uniform to keep it topped up. Any student or parent/carer can contact their SDL to receive secondhand uniform. There is no charge, although parents/carers may wish to make an optional donation via Wisepay.

So, in summary, we hope that parents/carers are pleased with the changes - sensible updates to PE kit (new base layer, skort alternatives), a lower price for one of our three bespoke options and a continuation of the offer of secondhand uniform at no cost. There is a full list of [uniform on the school website](#), and any queries can be sent to your SDL or via the comment form.

Kind regards,

Mark Lester
Principal