# 06 May 2016

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the school and the Board of Governors, I am writing to let you know that following a process of consultation the Board of Governors has approved a proposal to update the school uniform.

The initial impetus for this decision came from a feeling amongst the children that the current uniform did not make them feel smart. The Department for Education guidelines on school uniform stresses that the uniform should reflect the ethos of the school and there was a feeling that the current uniform failed in this regard. An initial survey of children and staff showed that over 80% of the children did not feel smart in their current uniform and that more than 90% considered the proposed new uniform to be a smarter option.

A parent focus group was then set up to consider the proposed new uniform and a survey was subsequently undertaken of parents of children in years 3 to 5. This survey had a 60% response and of those responding 65% were in favour of the new uniform and 32% against.

In view of the level of support for the new uniform amongst parents, children and staff, the decision was taken by the Governing Board to introduce the new uniform from September 2016, with it becoming compulsory from September 2017. We were conscious of any cost implications associated with this introduction, but I am pleased to say that it has worked out to be marginally cheaper than the old one. We have also decided to phase the uniform in over a 12-month period so that parents will be able to purchase the new uniform as their children outgrow the current one. Attached is a school uniform list for your information.

We hope that everyone agrees that the new uniform is a smarter choice and one that reflects the ethos of Nascot Wood Junior School as a high achieving and aspirational school.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Harrison

Chair of Governors