



## Key Stage 2 Uniform 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to share with you our exciting school vision as from September this year with regard to a change in uniform for the pupils in Years 3 and 4. The parents of these children have already been given prior notice allowing them to have time to purchase new uniform for the next academic year in line with our updated policy.

The staff and governors have discussed and agreed on the implementation of an elasticated tie (purple with thin silver stripe), shirt and v-neck cardigan or jumper. The idea behind this is that the children will 'graduate' into Key Stage 2 where there will be additional opportunities and expectations based on promoting student voice, leadership opportunities and overall levels of independence. For example, there will be removal of the 'Head/Deputy Head Boys and Girls' roles which will be replaced by 'School Ambassadors' across Key Stage 2. The School Ambassadors will consist of a larger group of children who demonstrate our special school values at the heart of their daily school life. They will lead by example and be given additional responsibilities within school. This is just one example of many.

The new uniform will also represent our new initiative (that will be a key objective on our School Improvement Plan) developing a culture of 'Behaviour For Learning'. This involves the development of a calm, productive and positive environment where the children focus on the following important characteristics of effective learning:

- Motivation
- Independence
- Perseverance
- Questioning
- Resilience

Of course, these words will be illustrated in child-speak so that the children fully understand and can practise the skills that we are promoting. For example, 'perseverance' will be discussed as 'not giving up' and 'embracing challenges'.

Finally, Seaton Sluice is a unique and very special school. We are extremely proud of everything that we stand for and as a 'flagship school' for singing (having now submitted our application for the prestigious Platinum Sing Up Award) and our strong commitment to maximising community links and opportunities, we want to stand out even more when we are out and about. We believe this smart KS2 new look will be the icing on the cake!

Please be reassured that financially, the price of the jumpers will be comparable and the ties will be very reasonably priced too. After one year, we will also have second-hand uniform available from school for a small donation.

I do hope that you agree with our vision for the future of Seaton Sluice First School. The children themselves are incredibly excited as all of the staff are.

Have a wonderful half-term holiday!

Yours sincerely,

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