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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. As you may know, our current school uniform has been in place since 2013, with the exception of a logo update during that time. Over the past two years, we have gradually refreshed our logo and branding, moving away from black to the updated design you now see on our letterheads, website, and throughout our school signage and graphics. With these changes now well established, we feel it's the right time to update our school uniform to better reflect our refreshed identity and ensure it remains practical, smart, and cost-effective for families. In making these decisions we are pleased to say that we have consulted and collaborated with small focus groups of students, parents, governors and staff and we are pleased with the final designs that will be available to view later this term in reception should you wish to do so.

When will these changes come into effect?

We wanted to give you plenty of notice about these updates, which will take effect from September 2025 for the new Y7 intake and any other year groups when students are ready to update uniform. This advance notice should help you plan ahead and make informed purchases for the upcoming academic year.

What Are the Changes?

- **Updated Logo:** The blazer badge and all compulsory logoed uniform items will feature the new Padgate Academy logo, already visible on our website and official materials.
- **Skirt Update:** The tartan skirt will be replaced with a plain pleated grey skirt with a logo at the bottom right-hand side
- **New Colour Scheme:** The current black and red colours will transition to navy, silver, and dark grey.
- **New Tie Design:** The tie will feature a Velcro fitting with navy, silver and red stripes, incorporating the updated logo.

When Will the Changes Apply to My Child?

- **Year 7 (from September 2025):** All students starting Year 7 in September 2025 will be required to wear the updated uniform.
- **Years 8–11:** Current students can continue wearing their existing uniform. There is no expectation for families to replace items prematurely. New purchases are offered the option to purchase the new uniform or alternatively, you can choose to purchase remaining stocks of the old uniform at a 50% reduction in price.



We understand there will be a period where both old and new uniform styles are seen across the school, and we want to reassure you that this is completely acceptable. Our goal is to make this transition as smooth and cost-effective as possible for everyone. The old uniform will be available to purchase at a reduction of 50% until 31st August 2026. All stockists will then only sell the new uniform.

What About the Cost of the New Uniform?

We're pleased to share that we've secured significant reductions in uniform costs:

- **For boys:** Over 30% reduction in the cost of compulsory logoed items.
- **For girls:** Over 50% reduction due to the removal of the tartan skirt.

Pre-Loved Uniform Support

We remain committed to supporting families through our pre-loved uniform program. Uniforms with the old badge will still be accepted for donation, and we encourage families to continue handing down uniforms for students in Years 8–11. Over time, the mix of old and new uniforms will naturally phase out.

In keeping with our values, we believe the new uniform reflects high standards, high quality and affordability that supports our children and families.

Summary table of changes

School Year Sept 2025	Expectation
7	All the year group to wear the new Padgate uniform
8	Can choose to purchase the new uniform or retain the current uniform. Current uniform items will be available to buy at a reduced rate until 31 st August 2026 (whilst stocks last)
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Our new uniform policy will be launched in Spring and will be sent out to all parents and carers which will include further details on individual items and available stockists.

We hope this early notice gives you plenty of time to prepare for the transition. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in helping us maintain the high standards we strive for at Padgate Academy.

If you have any questions about the new uniform, please don't hesitate to contact us via info@padgateacademy.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Adam McMillan
Principal