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Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Before half term, I wrote to you to consult on a proposed change to the academy uniform. The proposal was that, from September 2024, there would no longer be an option to wear skirts within our uniform policy, and instead, all pupils would wear either tailored black school trousers or tailored black school shorts.

Now that the consultation period has closed, I would like to thank those who shared their views and opinions. We received 104 responses in total, and greatly appreciate those parents who took the time and effort to provide feedback in a courteous and respectful manner.

After careful consideration of the responses from parents and our academy pupil council, we have decided to continue permitting girls to wear skirts and summer dresses as part of their uniform. With this in mind, please refer to the school's current uniform policy to ensure that every aspect is adhered to, including the length of skirts, which should be knee-length.

We would very much appreciate your support in ensuring this aspect of the policy is followed, and would kindly ask you to bear this in mind when purchasing new skirts or summer dresses for September 2024. Your cooperation is essential in maintaining the standards of our academy uniform, which contributes to the overall expectations and sense of community within Newquay Junior Academy.

The uniform policy also includes guidance for PE kit – as a reminder, pupils should wear black shorts (football/rugby style) or black cycling shorts (mid-thigh length).

In September, all staff will be reminding and challenging those pupils whose uniform does not adhere to the policy. If required, they will be asked to change into uniform items, including skirts, dresses and PE shorts, provided by the school. Should non-adherence with the uniform policy become an ongoing issue, the school may need to reassess its decision.

Thank you once again for your input and for your ongoing support. I hope you appreciated the opportunity to participate in this proposal, as we feel it is really important for us to incorporate the views and feedback from pupils, parents and carers.

Should any parent or carer be in a challenging financial situation with regard to academy uniform then please contact the pastoral team who will be more than willing to provide confidential help.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the academy office.

Yours sincerely

Craig Hayes

Executive Headteacher