

## Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery Consultation Document

### Active Uniform Proposal JFC Sports :



### Staff Notes:

Positive Elements	Negative Elements	Comments
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. No additional PE kit required.</li><li>2. More teaching time – no need to spend 10min getting changed.</li><li>3. More space in small classrooms.</li><li>4. Suits neurodiverse / SEND pupils.</li><li>5. No issue of pupils not having a kit for PE. All will be ready for PE.</li><li>6. No girl/boy changing issue.</li><li>7. Saving money for families.</li><li>8. Pupils will be comfortable.</li><li>9. Pupils will be active at all times.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ensuring no logos.</li><li>2. Will it impact on our excellent daily behaviour?</li><li>3. Does it reduce formality?</li></ol>	<p>High Schools formal – this may be changing in the future. Each school is different and this should be celebrated. Transition is about the person not the uniform.</p> <p>If we keep on top it should look smart.</p> <p>It suits our school ethos.</p> <p>EYFS input with changing ELG.</p> <p>Gym session – bare feet.</p> <p>Need to be consistent with no logos. No white parts on trainers.</p>

### School Uniform Consultation Parental Feedback:

I think this is a brilliant idea . Many thanks

Good afternoon, I love this idea, Matilda won't wear tights/school pants even in the snow due to the way they feel. I know she will feel more comfortable in sports wear. Thanks

Good afternoon Oh my, yes yes yes yes yes!!!!!! Amazing idea!!!! Love it!

Good morning With reference to the below email I think this is a fantastic idea and fully support this Kind Regards

Good afternoon, The active school uniform sound like a great idea.

Hi XXXXX is a girly girl not sure whether she would be into wear joggers all year. Especially not in the spring and summer. XXXX prefers to wear shorts all year around too. Thanks

Hello, All for this idea. However it would be nice to have a broader range of options - especially for the girls who like to dress a bit girly. Or maybe leggings/shorts. Hopefully the decision will come around quickly as certain uniform sales start very soon and I know a lot of parents order in advance.

Good Morning, This seems a good idea and that it may reduce uniform costs and the children would be comfortable. It would be a shame though, as the uniforms are very smart and presentable. Uniform gives options for children on what to wear for girls - skirts, shorts, trousers, summer dresses so it would be a shame to reduce the option as they appreciate the chance to have a choice in their uniform whilst following the policy and looking smart. Personally I know my children would not like to be confined to wearing trousers all the time and whether there would be the option for shorts instead of trousers at all times not just in the summer months. It would also make the high school transition potentially more difficult where the rules are more rigid in terms of what they MUST wear on a daily basis. It would also be a shame to attend any external events and have the potential for our school to look scruffy next to those schools who are in full 'formal' uniform with our children in casual clothes. It would be a shame to lose the formal uniform as I feel it looks brilliant but I am all for reducing uniform costings and school shoes etc. I'm sure the children may welcome the change if this was put into place. It would be nice to see some samples of what you are looking at and whether black leggings would be suitable for the girls rather than joggers which would also be comfy and suitable for activity but more fitting and potentially smarter. Also in addition to this, if early notice could be given to the changes as the uniform sales commence in the next couple of weeks. Would there also then be an option for the leavers hoodies not to be red, or a different colour to the usual uniform as they like being able to wear the hoodies as almost a 'right of passage' for year 6s and they would ultimately look the same as the rest of school and it wouldn't be much difference.

Good afternoon Mrs Parker My only question would be, what about summer? XXXX loves to wear a dress ect when it's warm. Would shorts be included too?

Good Afternoon, I'm happy with this but could we please be made aware if this will commence from September as I'm due to purchase next years uniforms

Hi I think it's a good idea in some aspects, however I do think sometimes sportswear can look abit informal. Would the option to wear normal uniform remain alongside?

We think this is a great idea and will help with focus because they'll be more comfortable!

Good afternoon I think this is a great idea

Black leggings/joggers/ shorts when warm weather.

T-shirt

School logo Hoodies/jumpers

Black trainer's

I agree 👍 I think the old style uniforms are quite outdated. I dress more casually to work now as do most. I think it will be more comfortable for the kids and look more modern! (It might be a shock when they go to high school and are back in proper uniform though)

Thank you for inviting parents to share their thoughts on the proposal for an "active for all school" uniform.

I am unsure as to whether the proposed active uniform it to sit alongside the current uniform or replace it.

I feel that giving parents the option to choose which they feel would best suit their child, would be beneficial as a parent. However, I can understand from a school perspective this may portray a less "uniform image" as there would be more variety in what the children are wearing.

I value the importance of physical activity and the positive impact it can have on people's physical and mental health. Particularly in a day and age where children often spend less of their time partaking in hobbies of a physical nature and spending time outdoors.

This being said, I don't think that the current uniform is particularly restricting. A polo shirt and jumper or fleece doesn't limit physical movement any more than a tshirt and hoodie would. The only difference, would be with jogging bottoms possibly providing more flexibility and comfort than tailored shorts or trousers. However, there are a variety of fits and styles of tailored bottoms available to purchase, with features such as elasticated waists and the use of materials that promote comfort and practically - such as a weatherproof finish that repel water.

As a parent, my biggest concern with an active style uniform would be where I could purchase it from and at what cost this would be? Below is a breakdown of what it would currently cost me at the start of a school year to equip my child with uniform. ( not including shoes as these would remain the same.) These prices are taken from supermarket websites where uniform is reasonably priced, readily available and offers good value for money.

2 pack of trousers £7.00 x 3

2 pack of jumpers £11.00 x 3

3 tshirts £7.00 x2 = £68. 00

When looking on the supermarket websites there is not currently the option to purchase hoodies ( other than black for PE) in the school uniform section. Unless an active style uniform becomes more common across many other schools, and demand for these items increases, then I doubt that this will change in the future. I feel this will then leave parents with two options:

1. We are forced to buy through uniform shops. Which from my personal experience are more costly and not the best quality.
2. Parents will try and find their own alternatives at a lower cost - which could end up with people not quite adhering to the uniform policy with the odd graphic or logo sneaking in. Eg: its red but has a little spiderman on it. Resulting overall as a school looking quite mismatched.

As the parent of an active, energetic child I don't currently have any concerns over the suitability of the existing uniform. I am able to provide my child with uniform that adheres to the current policy, that is readily available from a variety of retailers at an affordable cost - whilst getting what I feel is good value for money with regards to quality. If the uniform was to change I fear there could be an increased cost, limited availability and compromised value for money and quality. Thank you again offering parents the opportunity to share their thoughts.

Good morning, I don't see the benefit of this change. I think this will lower the standards of the uniform. I don't understand how buying new uniform will make it cheaper. This could potentially become a fashion war with children wearing branded/ designer goods. Don't think this is a good idea.

Dear Mrs Parker, I have just read the email inviting us to share our thoughts on the potential uniform change. I have to say, as a family, we don't really like the idea. All the children look really smart in their uniforms and XXX doesn't feel it stops him being active at all. He finds it comfy to wear and is able to play football at break times. It would be a big change for them when they move to high school to go from wearing joggers and a hoodie to a full uniform with a blazer and tie. I think the more relaxed uniform at primary eases them into that. I also think it helps them take pride and responsibility in their appearance. We appreciate your consultation and hope you'll take these thoughts into consideration.

Good morning, Our thoughts on this is to keep the school uniform in place and perhaps introduce coming to school in their PE kits on PE days. We believe that a uniform will keep everyone in school looking the same, smart and ready to learn. This also prepares the children for the next stage at high school.

I am just replying to the email regarding the changes to school uniform. We feel the changes to the uniform is a really positive step forward and something we are eager to see put in place. We feel with the active uniform it will provide comfort for all children and that when children are comfortable, they are less distracted and more open to learning. We feel that it

will also help the children at break times to be able to partake in sporting activities more freely and comfortably. It will also help ease our issues with school uniform, both XXX and XXXX can be very sensitive to how items of clothing fit and feel and every year I spend a fortune having to replace items that don't feel right to them and cause them distress. So having an active uniform that consists of leggings/joggers and a hoodie would reduce our outgoings and stress as we wouldn't have to search stores to find the right schools and clothes as these items are what the girls find easy to wear. We look forward to seeing how the consultation progresses and look forward to hopefully seeing this active uniform becoming part of our school.

Hello, I spoke with my children last night about the possible change in uniforms. They both seemed to like the idea and was in favour of it however did have some questions... They wanted to know will it allow girls to wear leggings as opposed to joggers as my female child said they wouldn't like to wear joggers? Also in summer what are the cooler uniform options? Can girls wear black skorts and could boys wear black shorts?

Hello, I like the uniform as is. I think it's smart and gets the children ready for the strict uniform policy in high school. I don't buy any logo items so think supermarket bought uniform is affordable. I also think it's a bit late to be thinking about this if the changes are going to come in in September. I have already bought my son's uniform for September and a lot of the supermarkets have the discounts on this week.

Hi, I am very supportive of changing the uniform. I would only request that you consider that any changes ideally need to be made in advance of a new school year. Parents can then purchase any new uniform when it is available in the shops and that don't spend money on uniform that will not be used.

Good morning Sorry I should've sent feedback last week but I really love this idea. Having a boy in year X and one X I can see how when the boys go in to school relaxed, comfortable we get the most out of them. Great idea!

FAO Ms Parker.

Love the active uniform!

XXXX wanted me to ask- is there an item that is a gilet-style jacket to wear?

Also- if the school is moving to a hoody, rather than the BBf fleece, I'll hold out on ordering a new one.

Thanks for doing things differently!

