



Friday 26th June 2020

Dear parent carer,

As we approach the end of term, I am writing to inform you of any updates and notices in relation to the academy uniform (Years 7-11).

I have attached the latest version of the uniform guide in the link below, for your convenience. Please read this thoroughly to familiarise yourself with our uniform policy and standards.

<https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/files/2020/05/2020-2021-TGAK-Uniform-Booklet.pdf>

I have attempted to summarise the main changes and updates below;

Academy Logo Jumpers (Advance Notice)

Academy Logo Jumpers, will be compulsory for all students to wear (including Year 11) from the period October half term until Easter. Outside of this time, wearing a jumper will remain optional for students, due to the milder climate at these times. This will be in effect for this coming academic year, 2020-2021. This requirement, was previously in place with the old "CTC" uniform and worked well. We mentioned, when introducing the new uniform back in September 2018, we would transition to this after 2 years.

Please note - If you currently have or recently purchased plain grey jumpers then these can still be worn and/or recycled to other family members. However, when purchasing new replacement jumpers, in the future, we would expect that these have the school logo on. Academy logo jumpers can be purchased from PB Sports. PB Sports have also offered to put the embroidered logo on a jumper bought from elsewhere, for a cost of £5.00 per jumper. However this is not an expectation.

PE Kit

In order to limit costs for parents we have decided to delay the transition of PE kit, from the old "CTC" model to the new TGAK version, until September 2021. Most students, however, seem to have transitioned to this already. Therefore this would mean that you **do not have to purchase** any new kit this year if the old "CTC" one can last.

I'm pleased to also say that a TGAK Hoodie is now an option for girls again, after taking on board feedback from Student Voice.

PB Sports Online Ordering, Collection and Shop Updates.

Due to Government COVID guidelines regarding trying on clothing items, PB Sports have kindly asked that wherever possible could you please order uniform online. There will be no concerns with bringing back items that do not fit. Government guidelines state that a customer cannot try or touch any garment or else it has to be quarantined for 72 hours. If parents order online they can collect their order, try it on at home and bring it back to exchange if it does not fit. In the event of this happening PB Sports will quarantine all items for 72 hours.

If parents call at the shop, only one adult/carer with the student will be allowed in, again to meet the strict social distancing guidelines that have to be adhered to. For students with sensory clothing



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issues, PB Sports have asked that you contact them directly in regard to any issues, so that they may help try to accommodate these.

Most uniform items are in stock and turnaround of orders is usually within a day or two at most. One customer today had a turnaround of 45 minutes from ordering online to a phone call stating her order was ready to collect. PB Sports continue to be very supportive of the school and the service they provide is second to none.

We will keep you updated if the guidelines change over the summer. All School items can be purchased from the PB Sports online shop. Please use the following link - <https://shopify.pbsportonline.co.uk/collections/tudor-grange-academies-trust>

In the meantime If you do have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly lparfitt@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk or call the school on 0121 329 8300. We understand that these are hard times for some of you and wherever possible we will try to help if we can. To do this we need to know so please contact us directly if you require any support.

In the meantime please do stay safe and well through this very unsettled period. I look forward to seeing you all at some point in the new academic year. Take care!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Parfitt'.

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