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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, due to high temperatures we made the decision to allow pupils to wear PE top and shorts this week if they wanted to. This was an option given alongside wearing a reduced uniform (shirt and trousers/skirt with no tie), to ensure that pupils' wellbeing and comfort was maximised and that they could continue to learn and work hard in classrooms. Both uniform options will allow pupils to remain comfortable and cool in school, especially as most classrooms in the school remain reasonably cool even in hot weather due to their size.

Alongside these options, we asked that all pupils keep wearing their usual black school footwear. This decision was made to keep as much of a working atmosphere as possible for all pupils, and also to avoid the 'peer-pressure' which comes for pupils when uniform is relaxed and a wider variety of (sometimes expensive) trainers and more fashionable shoes are worn into school. All pupils already own a practical pair of black shoes for school, whether plain black trainers or hard-wearing leather shoes, and this option would therefore avoid any families feeling the pressure to purchase additional trainers to wear for a short period of time. Given the current cost of living situation, we are very keen to avoid families feeling further financial pressures.

Today the vast majority of pupils wore their usual black footwear to school. However, we have listened to feedback from those who have not been able to do so today for a variety of reasons. Rather than have a varied selection of footwear which would be unfair on those pupils who have worn their standard black school footwear, for the rest of this week all pupils will be allowed to wear their PE trainers alongside their PE kit, if they wish to. When we revert to full uniform, which the current weather forecast suggests will be Monday morning, all pupils must revert to their usual black shoes.

Kind regards,

Mr. A. Thompson
Headteacher