



# Darland High School

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### Consultation Document: Review of School Uniform

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and Students,

We are writing to invite you to participate in a consultation regarding proposed changes to the school uniform policy. The school is committed to ensuring that our uniform remains affordable, practical, and suitable for all students while maintaining high standards and a sense of identity.

Any changes will be made for new students only, while existing students can continue to wear the uniform that is already in place, or move to the new uniform as they grow out of items.

#### Reason for Consultation

We have received feedback from parents and students regarding the current uniform, specifically concerns related to the compulsory blazer. The key issues raised include:

**Cost:** The blazer is a significant expense for families.

**Comfort:** The blazer is bulky, making it difficult for students to wear a winter coat over it in colder months.

**Practicality:** The blazer is not easy to wash and dry during the school week.

In contrast, the optional school jumper has proven to be a popular alternative. Feedback suggests that the jumper is:

**More affordable** than the blazer.

**Cooler in summer**, making it a more comfortable option year-round.

**More practical for winter**, as it allows students to wear a coat over it when necessary.

#### Proposed Changes

In response to these concerns, the school is proposing the following uniform options:

1. **Jumpers (with school badge) become the compulsory item**, while blazers move to an optional item.
2. **Both blazers and jumpers can be worn with a shirt and tie**, allowing students flexibility.
3. **Consideration of a polo shirt option** instead of a shirt and tie for all students, except for peer mentors and prefects, who would continue to wear a shirt and tie as a mark of distinction.

## Consultation Process

The consultation will be **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** . During this period, we encourage all parents, carers, staff, governors and students to share their views on the proposed changes.

Feedback can be submitted in the following ways:

**\*Online survey:** A link and a QR code will be provided via the school's email system to parents.

**\*Written responses:** These can be posted to the school or delivered via students to the school office.

## Options for Consideration

We are presenting four uniform options for feedback:

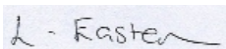
1. **Current uniform remains unchanged** – blazers remain compulsory, jumpers remain optional.
2. **For New students jumpers (with school badge) become compulsory, blazers become optional**, with shirts and ties required.
3. **For New students Jumpers (with school badge) become compulsory, blazers optional**, with polo shirts introduced as an alternative to shirts and ties (except for peer mentors and prefects).
4. **For New students Jumpers (with school badge) become compulsory, blazers removed completely**, with polo shirts replacing shirts and ties for all students (except for peer mentors and prefects).

## **Next Steps**

At the end of the consultation period, all responses will be carefully reviewed before a final decision is made. We appreciate your participation in this process, as your input is invaluable in shaping a uniform policy that balances affordability and practicality.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to receiving your feedback.

**Yours sincerely**



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