



31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

As a result of the expansion of the IES group in recent months, the decision has been taken to streamline the uniform provision and in order to ensure consistency across the group, to have one central provider.

Whilst we have been delighted with the provision of the John Lewis Partnership, our other schools are served by another company and we have been so impressed by them that we will be using them as our sole supplier from the end of this term.

The link to our new online store is:

<http://www.coolcatsclothing.co.uk/product-category/schools/st-john-s-international-school/>

An additional change, which won't take place until September 2018, will be SJS adopting the same sports clothing design as our sister schools but please let me reassure you that there is no need to do anything at this stage. The move from blue and gold to blue and red will be phased over 18 months and we are more than happy to have the two running concurrently in the meantime.

If you do want to buy the new kit sooner, you'll be more than welcome but I reiterate that there is no compulsion for 18 months. Teams representing the school from September 2017 will be wearing the new strips but that kit will be provided by Matron (who will also take responsibility for collecting after each match and washing it ready for the next time, which I'm sure is welcome news!)

I know the PTFA are keen to continue with their second hand uniform sales of the blue and gold - I was very grateful to have benefited from that opportunity when my daughter was here. These sales will continue for as long as Vicky's team are happy to organise them.

We will have a representative of the new suppliers visiting in the Summer term who will be available for informal chats as well as to show samples of the new sports kits.

Happy to answer any questions in the meantime and we'll put the link to the new company on to the website for those that forget where they filed this email!

I hope you like the new kit as much as we do, certainly the feedback from those pupils who have seen it is very positive.

Best wishes,

Mike