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Dear Parents.

Our pupils wear school uniform to be 'Rye Smart' every day. We believe as a school that uniform is important- it unifies us; not to prevent individuality, but to promote togetherness and equality. We are aware that the pressure on children and parents to keep up with "the latest trends" can be exhausting and expensive! It can also lead to feelings of inadequacy if one can't keep up! Here at Rye, we believe in equality and we don't want any of our children to worry about what they are wearing! This is why we have a uniform; so that all children are wearing the same style of clothing and they are not affected by the latest designers or trends. We are wanting the children to be focusing on their learning and not the latest fashion! Therefore, as parents we are asking for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school in the correct uniform. We hope that as parents you appreciate the ethos behind the uniform. Certainly, when we explained this to the children's leadership team they were all fully supportive of the uniform and said they wouldn't change anything about it! Even the ties! We hope that your child will take pride in wearing it and that you will be proud to see them wearing it!

The school colours are navy blue and yellow and the school uniform consists of:

- Navy blue V-neck jumper / cardigan with school logo (available for purchase from Superstitch see detail below)
- School tie (available from Superstitch or the school office)
- Pinafore dress, grey shorts, grey skirt, grey trousers
- In Summer blue/white checked summer dresses
- · White collared shirts
- Socks-grey or white
- Tights grey
- Footwear- Black sensible shoes, not "dolly" style slip on shoes or fabric style, trainer type shoes.

Games and PE Kit

For reasons of safety and hygiene, children need to be able to change for Games and PE lessons into:

A white T-shirt, black shorts, white socks and black plimsolls

Trainers or football boots may also be worn for games but please await advice from your child's class teacher before purchasing. Track suits are not essential, but recommended for outdoor work in the colder months.

The school reserves the right to forbid any item of clothing, accessories or footwear (e.g. trainers) which are considered dangerous or unsuitable for school. The wearing of jewellery is not permitted due to health and safety reasons. If jewellery is worn, the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or injury caused as a result.

All clothing needs to be clearly marked with the child's name. All named items are returned to children as often as possible.

We have a huge amount of lost property which we would urge parents to look through at home collection time. We can't keep these items indefinitely so at the end of each term, any unnamed items will be added to a collection of clothes which we are hoping in the future can be purchased for a small donation at parent events. If any parents would be happy to support with this then please speak to the office. We have already taken home lots of unnamed clothes to wash over the last holiday in the hope that they may be able to help our families; as we know children tend to grow quickly and this can be expensive! If you do not wish your child's clothes to be redistributed then please name them and regularly check lost property with your child at the end of the school day!

Parents can now purchase new items of uniform online or in person from:

Superstitch, 6-7 Castleham Road, Castleham Industrial Estate St. Leonards-on-Sea TN38 9NR

Tel: 01424 852225 (Location in Google maps)

E-mail: websales@superstitch86.co.uk Website: www.superstitch86.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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