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Diocese of St. Albans

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Dear Parents

Summer Dress Consultation

I am writing to you to update you on the discussions we have been having regarding our summer dresses.
The emails I have received to date are equally divided between being strongly in favour of keeping our unique summer style and to moving to a less expensive option.
We have spoken to the children and discussed this at Parent Council and feel that the checked summer dresses are too varied and lose the uniqueness that so many love.
By choosing a checked option available at many supermarkets, the dress comes in a variety of shades and styles which we want to avoid. Children may start to compare what they are wearing and this leads to competition.
We feel that our dress should still be as unique as possible to our school to ensure that sense of belonging. Therefore we are proposing a compromise and I am writing to gather your opinions.
The suppliers have produced the following information:

Current Dress
1.) The price of the current dress ranges from £25.00 to £37.00, depending on size
2.) Material – 65% Polyester/35% Cotton

Proposed New Dress
1.) The price of this dress would range from £15.00 to £18.00, depending on size
2.) The material is the same as the current dress: 65% Polyester/35% Cotton
3.) The reason the price is considerably lower is due to the item being a 'stock' item from the supplier. The dress wouldn't essentially be unique to St Paul's as other suppliers/schools may offer this style of dress. However the suppliers do not currently supply it to any other schools in the immediate local area. I have attached a picture but have a sample in school should you wish to see it.

Personally, I love the existing material design and the fact that it has endured for so long but I appreciate that the cost is rising and we want it to be affordable for all. More of the children have said that they would wear this new option if it were to be introduced.



Please complete the slip below to indicate your views.
I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Miss M.A. Cohen
Acting Headteacher

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Summer Dresses – Please return this slip by Wednesday 3rd July

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

☐ I wish to keep the existing summer dress at the higher cost ☐ I wish to change to the proposed striped option