



The Priory School

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Dear parents and carers

Many of you will be aware that we have been experiencing issues to do with supply for our 4 pleat skirts. We have also been told that the straight style Trutex will be discontinued. Skirts, colour and affordability has also been raised through parental surveys and feedback.

With this in mind, I felt we needed to review the style and colour of the skirt to ensure it is easy for families to access and more cost effective. When sampled, pupils felt that black was a more preferable colour and, as this is already the colour of our school trousers, it makes sense to move to this. We have therefore reviewed our school uniform policy to include a **black, permanent pleated skirt** (if pupils choose to wear this option). The skirt **MUST be PLEATED from the waistband down - no lycra panel at the top**, in a similar style to the samples below. It **MUST NOT** be lycra, jersey material, a straight style or a combination of these things. The length requirement remains to the knee or below and it must not be rolled up or altered to make it shorter. There is an option from the School Shop supplier (see below) this **goes to length 24**.

The cost is £23.99 for the majority of sizes, however sizes over a 30 inch waist are £26.50 (due to VAT).



However, the main reason we have moved to this style is the fact that a black permanent pleat skirt can also be purchased from supermarkets and high street stores. The following are links to some of these. If you decide to buy from these options, please check the length meets our uniform requirements and that the pleats are all around the skirt similar to the image above.



[Girls Black Permanent Pleats School Skirt 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)

• Permanent pleats • 2 pack • Adjustable waist • Zip through side fastening • Woven body • Teflon. Shop from our latest range in School.

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The new skirt will be phased in as skirts become too short or small around the waist. **Pupils wearing green skirts which currently meet the required length can continue to wear them until they grow out of them, unless you choose to buy them a black, pleated skirt.** Some tutors and Heads of House will have already had conversations with some pupils and families around skirts currently being too short; if this is the case, skirts will need to be replaced for January. If there are any issues with cost and/or your child is pupil premium, please contact our Student Support team.

The School Shop uniform suppliers are hoping to have stock within the next week and we will send a message to parents to confirm when they are in.

We will be having a uniform check in the first week back after the Christmas period; as well as skirts, pupils' shoes will be checked (they need to be black leather/leather look shoes, not trainers or boots) and we will be checking they are wearing their school lanyard and entry badge. If your child has lost their lanyard or badge, they will need to report this to their form tutor and a replacement purchased. This is their access card for school, not just their lunch pass, so they need to ensure it is worn, not just in their bag or pockets, to allow ease of access around the site and into the dining room at break and lunch.

I am very aware, and incredibly appreciative, of the daily support our parental body give to ensure Priory pupils wear their uniform well - thank you.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Pope".

Mrs A Pope
Headteacher