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Ripon Grammar School Uniform September 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians

I would like to inform you about an amendment to the Ripon Grammar School uniform requirements which will be applied from the beginning of the autumn term.

As from 6th September 2016 all girls will be required to wear a *Ripon Grammar School navy blue skirt which has the school crest embroidered above the hem*. The skirt is a longer length skirt and must to be worn below the knee. The skirt will be available to purchase from both our uniform suppliers from the end of January 2016. The Ripon Grammar School skirt will be a compulsory item of uniform from the beginning of the autumn term, but if your daughter has outgrown her current skirt and needs to purchase a replacement item, I recommend that you purchase the Ripon Grammar School skirt. The skirt will retail at a cost of £20-£25.

With regard to the boys' uniform, the boys are expected to wear smart **mid-grey trousers**, standard width without turn-ups. Black, charcoal and light grey trousers are not permissible and we do not permit 'skinny' or 'drainpipe' styles of trouser.

I would encourage you to support our named uniform suppliers and make your purchases locally. The suppliers are: '**The Ripon Uniform Shop'** and '**Smart Start'**. Details are available on the school website. We aim to support local businesses in Ripon and having worked closely with both suppliers I know that they will endeavour to ensure that you are offered the best service possible when purchasing uniform.

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May I also take the opportunity to remind you that girls at Ripon Grammar School are able to opt to wear a school dress in the summer months (Easter onwards). The dress is available from local uniform suppliers '**The Ripon Uniform Shop**' and '**Smart Start'**. We have received many favourable comments from the local community regarding how smart our girls look when wearing their dresses and blazers. I would like to remind you that the blazer is a compulsory item of summer uniform and if girls elect to wear the school dress, it should be worn with a blazer.

The school dress should be worn at *knee length/below the knee* and I encourage you to support the school by ensuring that your daughter wears her dress at an appropriate length. The school dress may

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also be worn with an adjustable navy blue belt. The belt is an optional item of uniform and can be purchased from our uniform suppliers at a cost of £10. The introduction of a belt is in response to feedback received from students. Girls may also opt to wear a navy blue school jumper in addition to their blazer in inclement weather. Cardigans are not permitted.

Boys may opt to wear a short sleeved collared shirt in the summer months.

Ripon Grammar School Parents' Association also have items of second hand uniform available for purchase and contact details are available on the school website. If you have any queries regarding financing the purchase of uniform items please contact me at school in confidence.

I am sure you would agree that ensuring the highest standards of appearance is vital in any school. In anticipation of your support, thank you and please contact me at school should you have any queries regarding uniform.

Yours sincerely

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