



14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

### Our pledge to you

At the forefront of our planning for the return of pupils to Secondary Schools across the city in September, is a determination to support families that might be experiencing financial difficulties made worse by the Covid-19 crisis.

During the lockdown some of us relaxed our uniform policies. However, the guidance issued by the Government to schools on July 2<sup>nd</sup> now encourages us to return to our usual uniform policies. This is because the Government recognises that uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. We believe that school uniform is a social leveller that benefits all pupils.

Although all of us are set on complying with Government guidance, we also recognise that there is a need to support the families of some of our children who at the moment are unable to afford new school uniform.

Each of us leads a different school serving a different local community. So, we do things differently. Supporting struggling families with the cost of school uniform is one such thing. However, this does not prevent us from offering the following collective pledge.

### If you are struggling with the cost of school uniform we will help.

Please contact the school that your child attends directly.

**John McKee**  
Patcham High

**Ashley Harrold**  
BlatchingtonMill

**Kate Williams**  
Longhill

**Gareth Hughes**  
Varndean

**Claire Jarman**  
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**Matt Hillier**  
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