

May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Following the implementation of our new uniform in September 2017, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and carers who supported us with this positive change. Throughout the year, learners have commented on how smart they now feel.

Having reviewed the feedback we received, which, on the whole, has been extremely positive, there were two main areas of concern raised: the limited range of trouser sizes and the cost of the trousers. To address these issues we researched various uniform manufacturers and found a cheaper pair of trousers from a manufacturer called Trutex. Trutex is a well-known school uniform manufacturer which has been manufacturing and specialising in school wear for over 150 years. Attached to this letter is a copy of the Trutex sizing guides. If you would like your child to continue wearing their current trousers, they may do so. However, when you replace these trousers, they will need to be replaced with the Trutex trousers. Please note that these are the only trousers we will accept as school uniform. We have also worked hard to ensure you get the best possible price for the uniform; we have been in negotiation with several uniform suppliers. Local company, Total Sport, have been able to guarantee the best prices for supplying our uniform and we are pleased, once again, to recommend them as our official uniform supplier. Please note that Kepler does not receive any commission from Total Sport.

The table below outlines the pricing structure for our uniform. As ever, if you have any financial concerns, please contact us to discuss any financial support which may be available.

Item	Current Prices		September 2018 Prices	
	Boys/Girls	Adults	Boys/Girls	Adults
Blazer	£23	£27	£23	£27
Male or Female School Trousers	£15.99	£17.99	£12.50	£13.50
Clip on Tie	£5	£5	£5	£5
Bundle (Tie, Trousers and Blazer)			£37	£41

Clip on Tie

We will continue to identify a learner's year group by a band of colour on their tie. The band colour of the tie will remain with the year group as the learner moves up the years. For example, 2018-19 Year 7 = orange, 2019-20 Year 8 = orange. We advise buying two ties, so that a spare is always available. From September 2018, the following colours will be associated with each year group:

Year 7 – Orange; Year 8 – Purple; Year 9 – Red; Year 10 – Yellow; Year 11 - Green

From September 2018, Kepier will sell replacement ties from main reception at a cost of £5 per tie.

Footwear

All learners **must wear black, formal, leather school shoes**. We will no longer accept leather fashion shoes, such as Vans; Converse; any type of trainer; or shoes with significant logos, bows or buckles. They must be plain and sturdy enough to keep feet dry during inclement weather. If in doubt, please contact myself or the Year Manager before purchasing shoes that might not meet our uniform requirements.

Total Sport will continue to be the sole provider of all uniform with the exception of white shirts and shoes. This ensures consistency around the uniform, enabling us to maintain our high standards.

Order form

A copy of the order form is attached. Orders should be placed directly with Total Sport. They will not be accepted by the school.

Delivery / Collection of uniform

Total Sport has agreed to offer a free delivery service to Kepier. All parcels will be labelled with your child's name. Kepier is only the distributor and, if there is a need to exchange items, you will need to contact Total Sport directly.

Total Sport also offer a home delivery service for a charge of £3.95 or free in-store collection.

Parents' Evenings and sizing events

To ensure your child has the correct size of uniform in readiness for September, we will be holding a sizing event on 11th July 2018, from 4-7pm in the main hall. This will enable you to pre-order uniform and ensure accurate sizing. If you have a younger child who has been allocated a place in Y7 from September 2018, information regarding uniform has been included in their welcome letter.

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Uniform can also be purchased direct from Total Sport,
Total Sport NE Limited
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Tyne & Wear.
SR1 2JD
Email: sales@totalsport-ne.co.uk

Total Sport opening times are:

Monday - Friday	9am--5:30pm
Saturday	9am--3pm
Sunday	Closed

I hope you find the above information useful and I am sure you will support us with the changes I have outlined. If you would like to speak to a member of my team regarding uniform issues, please contact Mr Van-Lindon on 0191 5128960.

Yours faithfully

Nicola Cooper

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Principal

