27th May 2016

Dear Parents and Children,

Thank you to all of you for your votes and comments around the children’s proposal to mark our move to Primary School status with a change to the uniform.

As is the case with any change, there have been strong opinions expressed on both sides. The vote has been taken and collated in what we feel has been the fairest way possible.

All parent votes have been given a ‘double’ weighting and have counted as 2.

Children’s votes have been weighted to count as 1.

Staff votes have counted as 1.5.

The results of this a re shown in the table below:

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| **Colour** |  | **Parents** | **Staff** | **Children** | **Total** | **Percentage** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RED |  | 40 | 1.5 | 23 | 64.5 | **43%** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PURPLE |  | 34 | 18 | 33 | 85 | **57%** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Absentees (not counted) |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  | **74** | **19.5** | **61** | **149.5** |  |

Following this extremely democratic process we are happy to announce that following a majority vote the uniform will **change to Purple from September 2016.**

**To answer some of the biggest concerns of those voting against, we are happy to inform you that:**

* Both Asda (and Amazon) sell cheap alternatives in the correct unisex purple colour

<http://direct.asda.com/george/school/cardigans-jumpers/D10M1G1C14,default,sc.html#http://direct.asda.com/george/school/cardigans-jumpers/D10M1G1C14,default,sc.html?prefn1=colour&prefv1=Purple>

* Old and still usable red sweat shirts could be used as extra layers on Outdoor learning day as this would stop the increase in fashion clothing worn on a Friday under the guise of being ‘outdoor suitable’!
* New badged sweat shirts will have the Primary logo (this is just a word change with no other change to the original logo)
* Badges will be available to purchase if parents want to add them to jumpers/ cardigans they have sourced elsewhere
* The pre-badged tops available from Emblematic will be round neck sweatshirts, v-neck knitted jumpers and knitted cardigans
* From Year 5 the children will have the option to wear a tie if they so wish, but this will not compulsory in the first year, this tie will be black and silver
* Our uniform continues to be non-gender specific. However, trousers, skirts, tights and socks bought from now on should be only in black or grey as we would like to phase out the blue in the coming year
* For any child wishing to wear a summer dress next year this can be blue or purple gingham

We hope that once the change is implemented our children will continue to be proud to wear our uniform and that it soon becomes synonymous with our high expectations and aspirations for the future success of the children in our care.

Kind regards

Suzanne Connolly

Headteacher