



# Headteacher Update



2025 - 2026

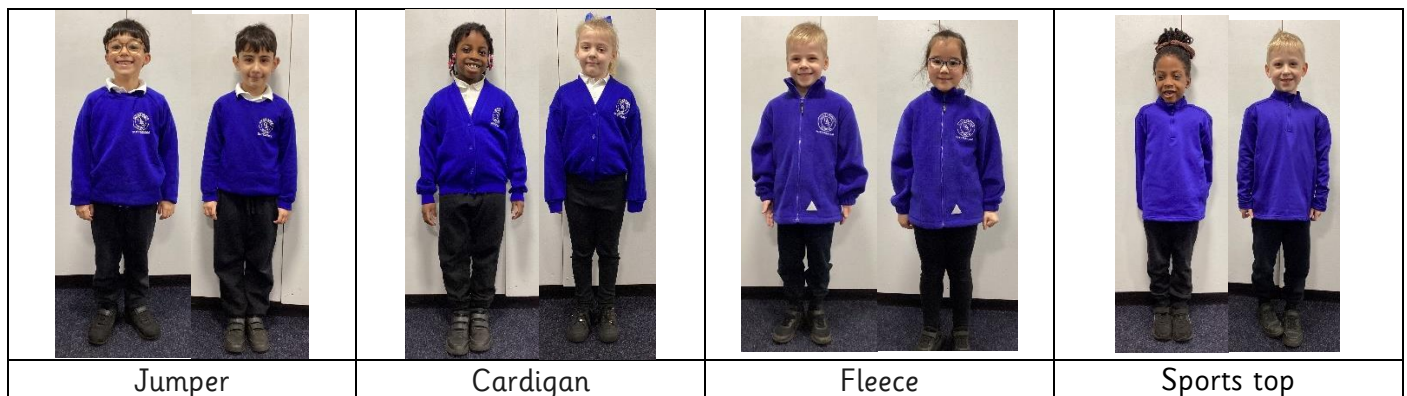
## Active Uniform

Thank you to all parents who took the time to contribute to the recent parent survey regarding a potential change to an active school uniform from September.

Of those who responded, **75% were in favour of moving to an active uniform**. While we recognise that only **44 parents** contributed to the survey, the feedback, comments and questions received were extremely helpful. This information was taken to the **Governing Body meeting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**, where a full and thoughtful discussion took place. All governors were invited to share their views and opinions, and it was **unanimously agreed** that the school will move to an **active school uniform from September 2026**.

From September 2026, the active school uniform will consist of:

- Plain black: joggers, tracksuit bottoms, leggings, PE shorts or PE skorts
- White polo T-shirt (with a collar)
- One school-branded top: **jumper, cardigan, fleece or sports top**
- Plain black trainers



## Logo Items

The **only items required to carry the school logo** will be:

- Jumper
- Cardigan
- Fleece
- Sports top

There is no expectation around which logoed item children have, it is purely personal choice.

School jumpers and cardigans will continue to be sold **directly through school**.

The fleece or sports top will be available **online**, and further details about stockists will be shared shortly. Sample fleeces and Sports tops are available in the school office.

			
Jumper	Cardigan	Fleece	Sports top

Within the parent feedback, there were questions asked and statements of concern raised, I am hoping to answer them within the next section.

## Cost and affordability

Overall **cost** and whether the active uniform would be more expensive than the current traditional uniform was considered. We have completed a comparison and are confident that the active uniform offers **greater flexibility and value for money**, particularly as many items can be purchased from a range of retailers rather than a single supplier. It is also worth noting, pupils will only need one uniform rather than a 'school uniform' and a 'PE uniform'.

The table below shows a comparison for trousers v jogger and shoes v trainers. For ease, I have compared a boy's uniform (size – age 7 and shoe size 1).

	<b>Trousers</b> (pack of x2)	<b>Joggers</b> (pack of x2)	<b>Shoes</b> (black leather shoe)	<b>Trainers</b> (mid-range black trainer)
Asda	£9	£8	£20	£20
Sainsbury	£9	£9	£19	£16
Next	£20	£16	£30	£26
Marks & Spencer	£13	£16	£24	£28

## **Polo shirt colour**

Another question raised was whether a light blue polo shirt could be worn instead of white. After careful consideration, the decision was made to **keep the polo shirt colour white only** to ensure consistency for all pupils across the school.



## **When can pupils start wearing the active uniform?**

Parents who wish to begin using the active uniform may do so at any point from receiving this letter, although it will become the expected uniform for all pupils (Class 1 – Class 14) from **September 2025**.

## **An active uniform will not be smart.**

Some parents shared concerns that an active uniform may not look as smart as our traditional uniform. All pupils will be expected to wear the **correct uniform every day** and we will continue to maintain high expectations with the support of our parents. We take great pride in how our pupils present themselves, and this will absolutely **remain unchanged**. A well-fitted, consistent active uniform can look just as smart, while also offering greater comfort and practicality throughout the school day.

## **Old Basford School are not preparing pupils for wearing smart clothes in the future.**

There were also questions and statements about whether an active uniform prepares children for the traditional uniforms worn in some secondary schools or workplaces. Each secondary school—and indeed each workplace—has its own uniform or dress expectations, and as a primary school we cannot be expected to mirror the wide variety of these. Many secondary schools are currently **reviewing** their own uniform policies in light of recent research into comfort, wellbeing and cost, and approaches are evolving. At Old Basford School, we will always make decisions based on **what is best for our pupils at this moment in time**, ensuring their needs, comfort and learning remain at the centre of all we do.

As a staff team, we are very much looking forward to seeing this change come in at Old Basford school and we are proud to be a part of the Made to Move campaign. *‘The Made to Move campaign isn’t just about changing clothes – it’s about changing the culture of our schools to prioritise active, healthy lifestyles. By embracing always active uniforms, schools will help shape a brighter, more inclusive future for every child.’* [Home - Active Uniform Alliance](#)