

Tuesday 30 January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Outwood Grange Academies Trust have been working closely with our uniform provider, Trutex, to minimise the impact of rising manufacturing and import costs over the last few years. Unfortunately, ongoing inflationary pressures in the economy coupled with the disruption in the Red Sea has resulted in significant freight cost increases (as well as extended lead times) meaning that Trutex will be applying a small price increase across their products. We have been informed of a 3% price increase and we are working with Trutex to try to keep this price increase to a minimum as we know that families are currently facing increases in prices across so many bills and purchases.

The prices on www.trutexdirect.com will change from 8 February 2024.

In the last few years we have worked to reduce the number of logoed items within our uniform in line with the Government's recent guidance.

Items that no longer require a branded version e.g. shirts/blouses, PE kit, are still available with the logo on the Trutex website, should you choose to purchase them, but alternative comparable items are acceptable. This list also includes skirts and trousers that can now be purchased from other suppliers without a logo, as long as they meet the requirements set out in your school's Uniform Policy. The uniform policy can be found on our school [website](#). If you have any queries please contact the school. Please be reminded that skirts purchased going forward are to be in the style of a boxed pleat and they do not require a logo.

Please be assured that as a Trust we regularly run an open procurement process to appoint our uniform supplier to ensure that we secure the lowest price for highest quality garments.

I would also bring your attention to Trutex Pre-Loved which offers recycled uniform that have been professionally cleaned and, where necessary, repaired to ensure it is in 'as good as new' condition. This is available at significantly reduced prices and can be viewed by logging in to www.trutex.com with code: LEA00980SC or adding this code to an existing account. Not only does this offer great value for money, but also supports the Trust's environmental and sustainability agenda.

There is support available from school should you require assistance with affordability, this can be accessed via the hardship policy on the school website or by speaking to staff. Applications are confidential and we will support families in any way possible.

Yours sincerely



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