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Dear Parents and Carers,

Information about Year 3

We have really enjoyed meeting your children, both in their classrooms and on their three visits to the Junior school. It was great to see so many of you after school on Tuesday.

We hope the following information will be useful, as you prepare for September.

- We encourage children to bring in a small, named water bottle, which can be taken home every day to be washed.
- We also encourage children to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable, to eat at the start of playtime (by this we mean 'real' fruit and veg, not fruit bars or biscuits). The morning is long and a mid-morning snack can make a huge difference to the children's ability to concentrate. Junior children do not get free fruit, so you will need to provide your own, if your child wants to eat fruit. Please ensure that NO NUTS or anything containing nut products are ever brought into school.
- Children can bring in a small bag to carry their drink bottle, lunchbox, fruit for break, their reading book and journal.
- House groups: Our Houses are Balmoral, Waverley, SS Great Britain and Matthew. During the first week, the Year 3 teachers will decide which House the children will be in. Siblings currently in the Junior school will be in the same House. House colour T-shirts are available from the School Office. These House-colour T-shirts can also be worn on PE days (please see below).
- Children will wear school uniform and school shoes (please avoid laces if your child can't tie their own), apart from on PE days.
- School uniform comprises:
 - ❖ Trousers/shorts: Plain navy, grey or black
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 - ❖ Skirts: Plain navy or grey



- ❖ Dress: Gingham blue summer dress/Plain navy or grey pinafore
 - ❖ Sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece: Plain navy or school branded
 - ❖ Polo shirt/shirt: Plain sky blue or school branded
 - ❖ Footwear: Plain black school shoes or trainers. (No fluorescent or branded trainers, high heeled shoes, backless, open-toed or strappy sandals)
 - ❖ Tights: Plain navy, grey or black
- Year 3 children will need to wear their P.E kit to school on Wednesdays and another day (yet be decided). We will let you know this additional day as soon as possible. **Our first PE lesson will be on Wednesday 13th September.** This means that children will come to school in their usual school uniform on Wednesday 6th September.

The Junior School P.E. uniform is:

- ❖ Joggers/tracksuit/shorts/leggings/skorts: Plain navy or black (not branded)
- ❖ T-Shirt: Instead of the previously used light blue PE T-shirt, and in order to promote our House system, we are giving the children the opportunity to wear their House-colour T-shirt for PE. If you have already bought the existing light-blue PE T-shirt and you would prefer your child to wear this instead of the House-colour T-shirt, that will be fine.
- ❖ Fleece/tracksuit top: Plain navy or black (or use school sweatshirt/fleece)
- ❖ Footwear: Trainers – Plain dark colour (not branded)

Please see <https://highdownschools.co.uk/parent-info/school-uniform/> for more information.

- We should be grateful if you would make sure that all clothes and belongings are labelled with your child's name.
- We have all the stationery that the children will require, so Year 3 children should not bring pencil cases into school.
- We should be grateful if you would make sure your child does not bring toys/trading cards into school. These, if lost or mistakenly traded, can cause a lot of upset and distraction to learning.

We will send a letter at the start of September with more information about Year 3. That letter will also include details about a parent information meeting, which will be held early in the term.

Have a lovely summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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