King Athelstan Primary School

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Dear Families,

Nursery Uniform

- Nursery children to wear uniform from September 2025
- Nursery uniform will be the same as existing school PE uniform

We are excited to inform you that, as part of our continued efforts to maintain a sense of unity, pride, and comfort among all students, we will be introducing a Nursery uniform for the start of the new academic year in **September 2025**. We understand that this is a significant change, so we wanted to give as much notice as possible and take a moment to share the reasons behind this decision and how it will benefit your child's development.

1. Supporting Gross Motor Skills

We have observed that school uniforms can be incredibly beneficial for developing gross motor skills. Uniforms, designed with ease of movement in mind, will provide your child with the freedom to explore, play, and participate in PE without any restrictions. This aligns with early learning goals in the aspect "Physical Development", which includes climbing on playground equipment and riding tricycles.

2. Promoting Toileting Independence

We set high expectations around toileting and in order to support children develop these skills. The school uniform will promote this and make it easier for children to manage their own clothing when using the toilet. This will foster a sense of autonomy and build their self-confidence.

3. Belonging and Encouraging Independence

Wearing a uniform can also help children to feel part of a community, promoting a sense of belonging and identity. It encourages them to take responsibility for their personal appearance and belongings, which is an important step in developing their independence and self-care skills.

The uniform (the same as the PE uniform for the rest of the school) will consist of the following items (see images below):

- Plain black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings (pull ups with no ties)
- Plain white t-shirt
- Purple School sweatshirt/cardigan (with the school logo)









- Plain black trainers with velcro fastening (no laces)
- Plain black/grey/white socks

The school sweatshirt/cardigan with the school logo can be purchased from <u>PMG Schoolwear</u> in Chessington or online, and the other items are widely available from high street shops and supermarkets. Please note that all other items, including trainers, must be **plain black** with no markings/logos. Please ensure **all** items have your child's name in them.

The PCSA (Parents, Carers School Association) also holds a large stock of second-hand uniform. To request any items, check the <u>stock link here</u> and then email <u>kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com</u> with details of what you would like (item and size). There is no charge, but to make a donation for your uniform, please use the link here: <u>https://www.givey.com/uniform</u>

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to this exciting new chapter in our Nursery!

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Emily Newton Headteacher

