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Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to tell you that we are now able to give you further details of our brand new Longhill High School uniform and PE kit, which will be introduced from September 2017. Please note that we are currently finalising prices and details of support packages, which will be available to you by the end of June.

Firstly, though, we would like to say a huge 'thank you' for your patience whilst we have been finalising this and a special thanks to all the parents who have emailed and contacted us in support of the changes.

We have a great new supplier, Sussex Uniforms, who are a locally-based supplier with a wealth of experience in supplying school-wear to over 40 schools over the past 9 years. Sussex Uniforms will be stocking all items of Longhill High School uniform at their shop in Hove, which is open all year round, 6 days per week. All Sussex Uniforms' products are ethically and sustainably sourced and the Company is passionate about recycling whenever possible and reducing packaging to minimize wastage.

In addition to the standard uniform items, Sussex Uniforms also stock additional extras, such as footwear, stationery and sports accessories to name but a few.

Of course Sussex Uniforms also have a website, if you would prefer to order uniforms online. Their site is fully responsive for mobile, tablet or desktop devices and there will be a dedicated section for your Longhill High School purchases, including accessories. All prices will be published on their website without the need to register or log in and orders can be placed securely online, at any time, with all major debit and credit cards.

Now to the uniform itself: We have opted for a traditional-style navy blue blazer with Longhill High School crest, charcoal grey trousers for boys and girls, white shirt (long or short sleeved) and an optional charcoal grey pleated skirt. There will also be an individually-coloured tie for each year group. In addition, we are introducing tailored grey charcoal shorts for boys and girls, which are available to order immediately and may be worn after the May half term – just follow the link Longhill High School Shorts

We will also be introducing a brand new PE kit, but will be retaining the current navy and gold design PE shorts.

Students going in to Year 11 will not be required to purchase a Longhill High School blazer, but will be expected to wear the new uniform charcoal grey trousers, white shirt and tie, as well as the new PE kit. Leavers' hoodies will be available later next year, also from Sussex Uniforms.

Head Teacher: Kate Williams Email: <u>admin@longhill.org.uk</u> www.longhill.org.uk We are pleased to be able to offer you a discount of 10% off all purchases from Sussex Uniforms, placed before the **end of July 2017**. This applies to purchases made from their shop at 40 Blatchington Rd, Hove BN3 3YH, or online at www.sussexuniforms.co.uk Please note that the Longhill High School section of their website will be live from 1st July 2017.

Sussex Uniforms will be in school on 6th July for new pupils joining us in Year 7 in September. There will be an opportunity to try on and to order uniform. Additional dates to try on and order from Sussex Uniforms will also be offered to students in years 8 to 11 later in July, at a time to be advised. Once all details are finalised, a selection of uniform to try will be available all year round in Student Services.

We are keen to encourage a gender-neutral uniform, which promotes and inspires pride and commitment to something greater than oneself. Longhill High school is on a journey of improvement and this is just one small part of the journey. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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