



# BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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*Dear Parents and Carers*

*After lockdown we asked pupils to attend school wearing leggings and trainers so that they could be ready for physical activity all the time. This was because many families had struggled to do much physical activity over lockdown and we wanted to encourage movement naturally within the school day. This change has had a really positive effect on our pupils whose physical activity levels have increased, and it made staff and governors consider the wider possibilities around uniform.*

*We want pupils to be smart and ready to learn, and we also want our uniform to be affordable, practical and to enable physical activity. As such, from September 2021 we will be changing our uniform so that pupils wear leggings, joggers or 'skorts', they wear their Bowerham sweatshirts, and a white shirt, and predominantly black trainers.*

*We hope that this will save parents money as they will no longer need to buy school shoes, dresses or formal trousers, and we hope that this will serve to make sure that our pupils are always ready for physical activity throughout the school day with no need for a separate PE uniform, or the time that it takes to change into it.*

*In a consultation with staff, pupils and parents, the results were very strongly in favour of this change with 2/3 of pupils agreeing that they liked the idea, and 73% of parents and carers also agreeing.*

*We are the first school in Lancaster to change our uniform in this way. We hope that you will agree that this change is innovative, and will allow our pupils to dress more practically than before, it will minimise gender differences and allow all children to stand tall, reach high and love learning even more!*

*Yours sincerely*

Joanna Young  
Chair of Governors

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## Stand tall, reach high, love learning

The Bowerham School community is proud to nurture aspiration, inspire love for life-long learning and prepare children for a changing Society.

