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Dear Parents,

After much consideration I am pleased to tell you that from September 2014 we will be altering our uniform here at Bentley. Smartypants have been informed and will be supplying the new uniform shortly. There will be a two year transition period for the new uniform so please be assured that there will be no requirement for you to go and change your child's uniform. It will simply mean that when they grow out of their current uniform and you require the next size the new uniform will be available to you.

Children at Bentley already take great pride in their appearance and unfortunately our current uniform of polo shirts and sweatshirts very quickly lose colour and misshape and as a result the children don't look as smart as we would like them to. We would like to support our children in their endeavours to look smart and are changing to a shirt and a tie with a knitted jumper or cardigan. The colours remain the same and the trousers and skirts also remain the same.

We will be tightening up on some of the aspects of our uniform and would ask you to look through the attached Uniform Statement to see the new requirements.

We are asking that from September the size of the bags that children bring to school is restricted. We have very limited cloakroom space and the different bags that children bring are exacerbating the problem. We will be asking that Key Stage 1 children have a school book bag, (provided by the school when the children join in Reception). In Key Stage 2 we request that children have either a school rucksack, available from Smartypants or a plain black or bottle green rucksack.

Hair accessories are also becoming extremely exuberant and we ask that whilst girl's hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied up that they only have plain hair elastics or thin, plain Alice bands, no flower accessories please.

For PE we have decided to keep the school logo polo shirt and we will gradually phase out the white sports t-shirt. We endeavour to keep PE going throughout the winter months and give the children the opportunity to use the outside space as much as possible. We would therefore ask



that **all** children have a tracksuit in their PE bag for use on those colder days. School tracksuits are available from Smarty pants, alternatively a plain black tracksuit can be worn.

We are looking forward to bringing in the new look to Bentley and thank you in advance for supporting us with these changes.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Putt  
Headteacher

