

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

## Update to Twickenham Primary Academy Uniform Policy

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the publication of the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniform, we have reviewed our Uniform Policy to ensure it reflects the latest requirements while continuing to provide high-quality and affordable uniform choices for families.

Having reviewed our requirements and worked closely with our uniform supplier, Stevensons, we have made a small number of amendments to the policy, which take immediate effect.

Under the updated policy, the only compulsory branded uniform items are:

- TPA V-neck woollen jumper or cardigan
- TPA school tie, traditional or clip-on
- TPA PE sweatshirt

We have retained the branded jumper or cardigan because this is the most visible part of the everyday school uniform and supports a consistent school identity. By contrast, the purple PE T-shirt for pupils in Year 3 and above is no longer required to be branded. Parents may therefore purchase either the branded TPA version from Stevensons or a plain purple PE T-shirt from any retailer. This provides families with greater choice and helps to reduce the overall cost of PE kit.

As before, all other non-branded compulsory uniform items, including shirts, trousers, skirts, pinafores, shorts, socks and tights, do not need to be purchased from Stevensons and may be sourced from any retailer, provided they meet the school's colour and style requirements. Plain house T-shirts in the correct house colour may also be purchased from a retailer of your choice.

We have worked collaboratively with Stevensons, who have fully supported these changes. Their online product range is currently being updated to reflect the revised policy. During this update period, some items may still temporarily appear with their previous status on the Stevensons website. Parents should refer to the school's updated Uniform Policy and purchasing guide as the current source of information.

In line with the DfE guidance, Omnia Learning Trust is also undertaking a review and procurement exercise for its uniform supply arrangements. This will consider value for money, accessibility, quality and supplier choice for families across the Trust.

Parents will recall that in 2024 we advised families that the school logo would be changing and that there would be a transition period before the previous shield logo was withdrawn.

This notice period was provided to allow families sufficient time to replace uniform naturally as items became worn or outgrown.

From September 2026, branded uniform must display the Omnia emblem. In line with our Uniform Policy, iron-on, sew-on or other replacement badges placed over the previous shield logo will not be accepted, as these would result in inconsistent branding and would not provide a durable, long-term solution.

We welcome donations of school uniform at any time. Items in suitable condition may be added to our second-hand uniform provision, while items that can no longer be reused will be responsibly repurposed or recycled wherever possible. Families may also donate uniform displaying the previous shield logo for responsible recycling.

Our website has now been updated with the revised Uniform Policy and full guidance on compulsory, optional and non-branded items. We encourage all parents and carers to review this information before making any future uniform purchases.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Erin Moscardini



Principal