



ARNOLD ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to the summer term! I am writing to share part of my vision for changes to Arnold Academy. I am keen to ensure that as parents you have the opportunity to share feedback with me directly.

I am immensely proud to be Headteacher of Arnold Academy, there are many strengths in our school. The standards of commitment and enthusiasm to learning from our pupils is strong. As parents you are supportive and engaged in the journey of the school and your child throughout their education. Our staff are experienced, professional and care deeply for our pupils. The pupils achieve higher outcomes than national average year upon year as a result of consistent and robust teaching and learning methods from teachers and teaching assistants.

An area I believe we need to improve is around stretching and challenging our pupils, especially those in Key Stage 3 (Years 7 & 8). We have already begun making impact on what this looks like in the classroom, however, I want to do more for the culture amongst our pupils to ensure they are ready for the demands of upper school. I plan for there to be a greater distinction between Key Stages at Arnold. This is to ensure we maintain the best of primary years practice whilst ensuring our older pupils are challenged to be more independent and mature.

I wish to make a simple change to distinguish this in the uniform of the pupils. I propose that, from September, Year 5 and 6 pupils maintain wearing the yellow polo shirts and Year 7 and 8 pupils are asked to wear white blouse or white shirt and school ties. I also believe this will help with the breadth of uniform you have previously been asked to purchase to ensure pupils have 'winter' and summer' uniform. This will create an additional stepping stone in the dress of pupils as they move through Key Stage 2 to 3 to eventually their uniform in Key Stage 4 (Year 9 and above).

Should you have any queries, concerns or messages of support you wish to raise regarding the proposed changes to our uniform, please can you share these with me directly via email. I will be meeting with the governors on Monday 15th May to ratify this proposal. I want to ensure I have your views to share with the group before any decision is finalised.

Yours faithfully

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