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RE: School Uniforms

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Parents' Association have kindly passed along a number of queries they received in relation to changes to the school's PE t-shirt and PE tracksuit bottoms.

Firstly, we apologise for any miscommunication in relation to this. The fault is ours, and certainly not with the Parents' Association or with Blondelles.

Prior to the lockdown, in consultation with the Student Council and the Parents' Association we had been looking at updating the PE t-shirt and tracksuit bottoms. It was our intention to phase in the new style of t-shirt and tracksuit bottoms over a number of years, beginning with incoming First Year students this coming September. It was always going to be the case that newer and older style t-shirts and tracksuit bottoms would exist alongside each other for a number of years.

However, we did not notify the Parents' Association or parents in general that our uniform supplier, schooluniformsdirect.ie, would be changing their website to the new style of t-shirt and tracksuit bottoms as early as we should have. We also did not notify Blondelles of the change. We've been in touch with Blondelles today to apologise for this oversight. Blondelles have always been a loyal supporter of the school since its foundation and we're delighted that they continue to be available to you for your school uniform needs.

In summary then – both the older style PE t-shirt and tracksuit bottoms and the newer style are perfectly fine for incoming first year students for September 2020. Similarly, for any parents intending on replacing PE t-shirts or tracksuit bottoms for students further up the school, either type of PE t-shirt and tracksuit bottoms are fine.

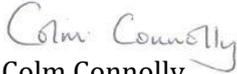
We've also received a number of queries in relation to girls' trousers.

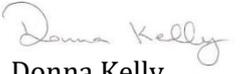
Prior to the lockdown, the Student Council raised the issue of making a change to the school's Code of Dress to allow for girls' trousers throughout the school year. They were supported in this by the Parents' Association and the staff of the school and we're satisfied that all stake holders are on board with this change. We are still required to have the Board of Management formally adopt the change to the school's Code of Dress and we anticipate this to happen at the Board's next meeting later this month. We would suggest therefore, that if you/your child are considering this option for the new school year that you hold off on purchasing until we advise you that the Board has adopted the change to the Code of Dress.

If you have any queries in relation to uniforms, or any queries about the new school year in general, please contact the school on 01-8254102 or ratoathcollege@lmetb.ie.

Yours faithfully,


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Principal


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