



St Cuthbert's C of E Infant & Pre-School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to share some important updates regarding our schools as we continue our journey within Wessex Learning Trust.

As part of this transition, our schools have undergone a rebranding process. This has been a collaborative effort between both schools and the trust, ensuring that our identity reflects our shared values while still honouring our individual histories.

One of the key changes you will notice is to our school badge. The new design incorporates a swan from the Junior School badge alongside a duck from our existing badge, symbolising the coming together of both schools.

We would also like to reassure you that, although we are working more closely together, the Infant and Junior schools will remain two separate schools. However, the Infant School will adopt the same strapline used across our Church of England schools: *"Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly."*

In addition, from September, we will be aligning our school uniform colour with that of the Junior School. The new uniform colour will be navy blue.

We would like to reassure you that there is no expectation for current pupils of the Infant School to immediately change their uniform. Children may continue to wear their existing uniform for as long as it fits. However, new pupils starting in September will be asked to purchase the navy-blue uniform. As current pupils grow out of their existing uniform, parents will be encouraged to gradually transition to the new colour.

We believe this change will be beneficial for families. By having a consistent uniform colour across both schools, it will be more cost-effective, as children moving into Year 3 will not require a completely new uniform if their current one still fits.

We are excited about this next step and feel that these changes will strengthen the sense of unity across our schools while also supporting families practically.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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