



Friday 23rd April

2022

Dear parents,

I do hope you have all had a good week, and the children have settled back into school after the holidays. In this week's letter I will be sharing some photos of the new uniform and sharing information about various other activities and issues.

Aspire new school uniform

Thank you for the positive comments regarding the compromise to the new uniform. There have been a few questions about how often the children can wear the active uniform - the answer is all day every day. If you as parents chose to purchase the traditional uniform as well, this can only be worn on non PE days.

The uniform will be supplied by Brigade and will be available to order online from the end of May. The new uniform can be worn from September 2021 and must be worn from September 2022.

This week we were sent a full set of all the items that are available to purchase from Brigade and some children at Platts Heath have been used to model the items. Below are some photos of the children so you can get an idea of what it looks like. Thanks to Mrs Branchett at Platts Heath for her help and to my four models !



Here is the active uniform for winter. The boys are wearing the joggers and the girls the sports leggings. All children are wearing the hoodie and the t shirt. A zip up hoodie will also be available with the same logos for those who requested it. From left to right - Platts Heath in purple, Kingswood in green, Ulcombe in royal blue and Leeds and Broomfield in the burgundy red.



Here is the summer active uniform, all children are wearing the logoed t-shirt. The boys are wearing shorts and the girls the skorts. The writing on the shorts/ skorts says aspire. The caps are in school colours with the aspire logo and the name of the school.



Here is the traditional uniform (please ignore the fact the children haven't got the right trousers etc). The polo shirts and sweatshirts/ cardigans are to be worn with black trousers/ skirts or dresses. The checked dresses of the school colour can be worn in the summer. This picture also shows the new book bags in the school colours with the aspire logo. The sweatshirts/ cardigans and polo shirts all have the school logos and the aspire logo.

Each school now has the set of uniforms as samples for parents to see. These will be displayed at some point over the next few weeks so you can decide what to purchase.

Fair share donations from Tesco

From next week we will be continuing to collect these donations for any families who would like to use them. Donations will be available on a Monday/Tuesday at the following schools:

Week beginning	Tesco donation available at
Monday 26th April 2021	Leeds and Broomfield
Monday 3rd May 2021	Ulcombe
Monday 10th May 2021	Kingswood
Monday 17th May 2021	Platts Heath
Monday 24th May 2021	Leeds and Broomfield

The next term will start with Ulcombe, following the May half term.

The Big Ask

The children's commissioner Rachel de Souza has set up The Big Ask , the largest children's survey to gather information on the effect of the pandemic on children, and what children would like to support them. All children are encouraged to take part either at home or at school.

About The Big Ask

The Big Ask is a survey for children and young people aged 4–17 in England. We've split the survey into different age groups, so you can fill in a version appropriate for your age. We've also made easy-read 'accessible' versions as well as a version for care leavers.

Why you should take part

This is your chance to have your say on the things that matter to you. You can tell us what your life is like, what you want in the future, and anything you think is holding you back.

We'll use what you say to tell the people who run the country or your local area what you think needs to change to make your life better.

Your privacy

We won't ask for your name, phone number or email, and we'll keep what you tell us safe and private – it won't be shared with anyone else. You don't have to answer any question if you don't want to.

If you would like your child to take part in the big ask - the website you need to visit is -
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

I hope you all have lovely family weekends. As ever I can be contacted at
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Kind regards,

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