



Date: August 2022

Dear Parents,

Re: Year 5 and Middle School Model

DNA values of Care, Responsibility, Collaboration, Respect, Excellence and Aspiration will continue to be at the forefront of what we do in the middle phase of NIA.

This Middle School phase of the academy encompasses Year 5, Year 6 and Year 7, and is a unique and exciting model designed to support our learners in the following ways:

- Ensuring a continuation of scholastic excellence in preparation for SATs.
- A seamless curriculum to link primary and secondary content, skills and knowledge in all subject areas.
- Specialised teaching to ensure foundation subject content is taught in line with Key Stage 3 objectives.
- A successful Year 6 to Year 7 transition into secondary education.

Mr J Ross	Assistant Headteacher of Primary Phase
Miss B Sidwell	Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead
Miss F Ager	SENDCo

Whilst daily life for Year 5 will feel exactly the same as their primary peers, with routines, learning, playtimes, classrooms, assemblies and all other curricular activities remaining a part of the Primary phase, there will be some changes to distinguish this graduation to Middle School:

Middle School Uniform

Year 5 and Year 6 uniform is:

- Grey trousers / grey skirt / grey dress (not jogging bottoms)
- Grey tights / socks and appropriate black school shoes (not trainers)
- Navy blue sweatshirt (logo available)
- **White collared school shirt (long or short sleeved) and House tie**

This year we will be issuing all Year 5 children their respective House tie which will be given to them on their first day in September, so there is no need to purchase this in advance. Should you wish to purchase an additional tie, they are available from - <https://theschoolwearshop.net/> . PE uniform will remain the same.

If you have any difficulties in securing any uniform for your child, please do contact the school and we will ensure support is offered.



Uniform - Footwear

Shoes should be black leather. Black plimsolls & trainers are not part of the NIA uniform



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Uniform – Trousers & Skirts

- Trousers must be tailored and charcoal grey. Black trousers, leggings or jeans must not be worn
- Pupils' skirts must be grey and knee-length or longer



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School Timings and Entrance / Exits

Term will start on **Monday 5th September** and our school timings will revert to **8:45 – 3:15**.

Year 5 will be expected to enter the building from the **front of the building via the Primary Reception** in September. A member of primary staff will be on duty from 8:35 and children will be collected and brought into school at 8:45.

We would encourage any families with children in younger year groups to drop off the younger siblings in the primary playground first and then bring Year 5 children around to the front of the building between 8:45 and 8:50 where they will be allowed to make their way directly to their classrooms.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support. Please get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards

Mr J Ross

Assistant Headteacher of Primary Phase