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Dear Parent / Carer,

CHANGES TO THE WAY SCHOOL UNIFORM IS PURCHASED

We have recently taken the decision to strengthen our partnership with Sportswear International (SWI) and to move the purchase of school uniform away from our Student Services to an online portal. This will mean that the vast majority of school uniform items will now need to be purchased directly from this supplier rather than through our school shop.

SWI have many years of experience working with schools nationally and, indeed, already supply school uniform to many local schools. Part of the reason for this decision is that SWI are able to hold a greater quantity of items than we can in school and are also able to deliver directly to your home address. There is also an option for items to be delivered to school and collected by your son. Delivery to school (for collection by your son) is currently free, as is delivery to your home when an order is over £70. If an order is under £70, it will cost £4 to deliver to your home.

Ties, House T-shirts (Brightwell – yellow, Chipsey – blue, Manley – green and Washington – white) and blazer badges will be the only items that will still have to be purchased from Student Services by your son using cash, cheque or Parentpay. Parents will not be able to purchase these items on-line from SWI.

To help with sizing, we will maintain a full set of samples of all clothing available to purchase from SWI on-line in Student Services, so that students can try on items of uniform before parents make any purchases.

Additionally, we have taken this opportunity to change the design and material of the school PE T-shirt. The new T-shirt is made of a higher quality, more durable and breathable material which dries more quickly and does not require ironing. We are phasing this item in with our new Year 7 students in September 2018. The old style T-shirt will still be available to purchase from Student Services, this year and next, whilst stocks last, at its current price of £8. It will not be available directly from SWI.

Parental Accounts will be able to be set up with SWI from Monday, 16th April 2018 by going onto their website at www.swidtp.co.uk. Please select the 'Register' icon and follow the simple steps to create your own account. Under your child's details, there is a drop down menu where you can select 'Northampton School *for Boys*'. A full help guide is available on the school website.

Please note that the changeover to the new system will be after the Easter holiday on Monday 16th April, so unfortunately no uniform will be able to be purchased between 21st March and 16th April. Existing items of uniform can still be purchased from Student Services up to and including Monday 20th March 2018. A new price list, as a result of the change in service, will take effect on 16th April 2018 and is available to see on the school website.

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