

## Action Plan – Scrutiny Review of the Cost of School Uniform

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1	<p>That Academy Trusts and Governing Bodies of Stockton Schools be asked to review their school uniform polices as a matter of urgency in consultation with parents and children taking account of the DfE advice to give the highest priority to cost and, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Keeping items of branded uniform to a minimum</li> <li>➤ Avoiding the use of specified suppliers</li> <li>➤ Avoiding different requirements for different year groups</li> <li>➤ Avoiding the compulsory use of children’s initials on uniform items</li> </ul>	<p>Report and letter sent to all Academy Trusts and Schools signed by Cabinet Member, Select Committee Chair and Director of Children’s Services</p> <p>Messages reinforced at Closing and Gap Sessions and Governors Briefing Sessions</p>	<p>Support secured</p> <p>Uniform Policies reviewed</p>	<p>Vanessa Housley</p> <p>Judy Trainer</p>	<p>Jan 2021</p>
2	<p>That school governing bodies and leadership teams review the support they provide to families struggling to meet uniform costs taking account of the ideas and initiatives in place across Stockton schools gathered as part of this scrutiny exercise.</p>	<p>Report and letter sent to all Academy Trusts and Schools signed by Cabinet Member, Select Committee Chair and Director of Children’s Services</p> <p>Messages reinforced at Closing and Gap Sessions and Governors Briefing Sessions</p>	<p>Support secured</p> <p>Uniform Policies reviewed</p>	<p>Vanessa Housley</p> <p>Judy Trainer</p>	<p>Jan 2021</p>
3	<p>That all support provided by schools is clearly published on school websites alongside their uniform policies.</p>	<p>Report and letter sent to all Academy Trusts and Schools signed by Cabinet Member, Select Committee Chair and Director of Children’s Services</p> <p>Messages reinforced at Closing and Gap</p>	<p>Websites update</p>	<p>Vanessa Housley</p> <p>Judy Trainer</p>	<p>Jan 2021</p>

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4	That improved co-ordination/ signposting of community and school-based support is co-ordinated through the new Community Partnerships.	<p>Information to help with the cost of school uniforms produced by Moneywise Credit Union shared on the Community Partnership Facebook pages in September 2020.</p> <p>Community Partnerships will continue to signpost and share information via Social Media, email and at Community Partnership meetings.</p> <p>Community Partnerships and Community Engagement Team to continue to work with the VCSE and other key partners to ensure a cohesive approach.</p>	Community and key partners informed.	Margie Stewart-Piercy	<p>Sept 2020</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
5	That Government is urged to pass legislation to put the DfE best practice guidance on a statutory footing and support is sought from local MPs towards this end.	Letters sent	Support secured	Judy Trainer	Jan 2021
6	That the findings from the scrutiny review and the best practice from the school survey be shared with all Stockton Schools and reinforced at appropriate forums.	<p>Report and letter sent to all Academy Trusts and Schools signed by Cabinet Member, Select Committee Chair and Director of Children's Services</p> <p>Messages reinforced at Closing and Gap</p>	Support secured	Judy Trainer	Jan 2021

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