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Dear Parents

As a dynamic and pro-active learning organisation, The Grove constantly reflects and reviews school activities, policies and procedures to find new opportunities and better ways of doing things.

Initiated by parent feedback, the School Governing Body tasked a group of parents and teachers to look at the Grove school uniform.

This committee in subsequent discussions focused on warmth, cost-effectiveness, durability and ways to simplify the Grove school uniform.

As from the beginning of this year, the Grade 1 and Grade 2's have had the option of wearing the sport uniform (white Grove golf shirt and blue shorts) during school time. This allows the girls to climb, play and hang upside down if they want to. One option to consider is to extend this choice to the rest of the school. Other considerations are:

- Stronger and thicker material for the golf shirts; (as opposed to less durable, see-through shirts). At a cost of R20 per shirt more.
- Long sleeve golf shirts in winter. Much warmer and can be worn without the jersey.
- To be allowed to wear jersey with tracksuit without tracksuit top.
- One golf shirt (i.e. blue) instead of having a white shirt for school and a blue one for sport. More cost effective and simpler (The two colour golf shirts were a health option that was introduced as a result of children wearing the same shirts for PE, sport and then being rather smelly back in class).

The committee came to the following conclusions:

1. To poll opinions of parents, teachers and learners
2. Formal school wear is necessary for formal school events, i.e. choir and weekly assembly
3. To extend the option choice.

In conclusion please complete the questionnaire to inform the committee about your opinion/s on the Grove school uniform. Suggestions are welcome. Please answer YES or NO.

1. Better quality golf shirt which is more suitable for girls? _____
2. Long sleeve shirts for winter? _____
3. To be allowed to wear jersey with tracksuit pants? _____
4. To extend the Grade 1 & 2 school uniform as another option to all Grades. _____
5. One colour golf shirt for school and sport _____

Suggestions/Comments:

The school uniform is an important part of the Grove culture and it is important to our learners that we think clearly and seriously about the way forward. Please don't hesitate to provide us with your comments or suggestions.

With thanks
School Uniform Task Team