

**July 2023**

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Uniform from September 2023 at De Lacy Academy**

As you might be aware, the Delta Academies Trust uniform policy has changed to include pleated skirts in favour of the straight one. We will be phasing out all black straight skirts that have been previously provided via SPT uniforms and the new Year 7 cohort will be provided with the pleated one instead, to comply with our new policy. Trousers are also available and are part of the uniform.

I appreciate many of our students already have the straight Delta skirt and it will continue to fit for some time. From September it will be acceptable for students in Years 8 - 11 to continue to wear the one they have already got (**providing it has the Delta branded logo**).

If your child does not have a Delta branded skirt and you need to buy a new pleated one, they are available to buy on the official site. Please visit <https://www.sptuniforms.co.uk/> for further information.

You are under no obligation to buy a pleated skirt from our SPT provider, however, **pleated skirts from other shops and supermarkets will be acceptable as long as they are black in colour and are knee length**. Please **do not** buy a straight skirt from any other provider as these are no longer acceptable as part of our uniform policy, whether it is tailored or stretch material they are simply no longer allowed. Trousers must not be tight around the legs or skinny fit. They should be tailored trousers; if you have any concerns about whether they are appropriate please contact your child's Learning Manager.

We take great pride in our uniform, including footwear, and do insist that students follow our expectations. Please support the academy in ensuring your child has the correct uniform. Please note the additional academy rules on jewellery, hairstyles and prohibited items also found on the website link <https://www.delacyacademy.org.uk/knowledge-base/uniform/>. This remains unchanged from previous years. In particular, please check the policy for information about piercings as wearing earrings, nose studs or tongue studs is not acceptable.

You may also have seen that the logo on Delta blazers now has colour, and the tie has a gold stripe rather than a silver one. Years 8 - 11 will continue to wear and be able to buy the silver tie and silver logo blazer. We intend to phase in the new uniform year on year starting with our new Year 7 cohort.

If you need to purchase replacement uniform and are concerned about meeting the costs of this, please speak to your child's Learning Manager in the first instance to discuss what support is available to you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hellen O'Brien', is written over a light blue dotted background.

Hellen O'Brien  
Associate Principal