

Friday 5 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Colleagues

Beckfoot Uniform Consultation for September 2021: Update

As you are aware, today marks the end of our school uniform consultation. I have made it clear that this has been the subject of several conversations with me since I returned to Beckfoot in September 2019 but, also has been an issue that has been raised many times over the years since I first began teaching at the school in 2002. I felt that it needed to be resolved and that a full consultation was the way to do that one way or another.

The response has been incredible with 2,316 of you willing to take the time to share your thoughts with us. That is fantastic and very much appreciated.

I have read through each comment that has been provided and I have been thrilled with the care and passion that many of you have for our school and community. I have to say that one or two of the comments went some way to ensuring I was absolutely clear how you felt about the proposal and I was left with great clarity as a result both for and against! Overall, I really enjoyed reading what you had to say, and it has helped a great deal I can assure you.

Here is the information that has come from our analysis of the consultation responses:

- 1,233 students responded across Years 7 - 11
- 936 parents/carers responded
- 147 staff responded
- 2,006 (87%) of those who responded are happy with our current uniform; 310 (13%) are not
- 1,774 (77%) are not supportive of the proposal to change our uniform; 542 (23%) are supportive
- 1,273 (55%) have concerns about a more formal uniform; 1,043 (45%) do not

Given that the overwhelming majority of students, staff and families do not want to change our school uniform I must listen to that strength of feedback and, in doing so, conclude that we will NOT be seeking to change our school uniform at this time.

I very much hope that you feel that you have been listened to and that you have had the opportunity to contribute to the process. For our students, especially, they can learn a great deal about the fact that their views matter and that is very much what democracy is about.

Can I thank you all once again for your incredible support for us in this matter.

Best wishes.



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