

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to share with you the results of our consultation on school skirts. In keeping with our RADAR values, we have spent the last three months listening to the views of our staff, our parents and, most importantly, our students, in the hope of finding a new school skirt that would be acceptable to all stakeholders. There were many different opinions expressed and we hope that our final decision accurately reflects the views of the majority of people.

From September 2017 our pupils will be given **the choice of two different styles of skirt**: a plain grey straight skirt with a kick pleat **or** a plain grey kilt style skirt (please see pictures below). We have introduced this choice in recognition of the parental view that one style of skirt will never suit, or fit all girls. We have also made sure that both styles of skirts come with an adjustable waist and in a variety of lengths.

We understand the decision to change our uniform will have financial implications for parents, so will allow pupils in Years 8 – 11 to continue wearing their current Charleston style skirt for one more year if they wish. From July 2018, only the skirts shown below will be allowed.



This skirt has a kick pleat at the back – **not** a split.

These skirts can be worn from September 2017 and are available at Forster's School Outfitters in Sittingbourne.

If you have any questions about this change, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Miss C Honess
Deputy Headteacher