



10th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing in response to comments on Facebook regarding our proposed uniform change, which we have been consulting on since September. Research strongly shows that 'red' is a trigger colour and as we are a trauma aware school we really wish to reduce the negative effects many children now feel when wearing or seeing a lot of red.

Children in today's society are suffering from increasing levels of anxiety and mental health issues, anything we can do to help our children be successful in today's world is something we should do.

We realise that some parents and children have voted to maintain a red top, however the majority (60%) have voted for a change. Rehman Chishti the local MP spoke in a recent assembly about democracy and that although people may have voted to remain as a 'red' school, the majority voted for a change.

We will therefore be moving to a **choice** of grey or red, but would encourage parents to replace the red tops with the grey ones when buying new/replacements. Going forward, Tesco will be stocking grey sweatshirts and jumpers from after half term and we are speaking with Mapac regarding grey uniform with a red stripe and logo, being made available as soon as possible.

As always we encourage children to wear a sweatshirt with our Twydall logo (available from Mapac.com) but do allow children to wear a plain sweatshirt without the logo too as we realise this is a cheaper and more convenient option.

Kind regards,

