

24th March 2016

Dear parents

After Christmas we changed over to only one style of skirt being allowed in school (straight at the top and then pleated) and I am pleased to say that has addressed the problem we had of girls wearing skirts that were too short and figure hugging. Thank you for your support in making this a success.

I am now writing to seek your support regarding the trousers that some of our girls are wearing to school. We now have an increasing issue of girls wearing tight, figure hugging trousers, in some cases resembling leggings, which do not adhere to our uniform expectations. After Easter, we will be clamping down on such uniform infringements consistently across Years 7 to 11.

Our uniform expectations state that "*Trousers should not be skin tight/drainpipe style. No denim.*" We recognise that girls come in different shapes and sizes and that finding trousers that fit can be challenging. However, a rule of thumb we would like you to stick to is to not allow trousers that are tight around the ankle. Such trousers are almost always too figure hugging. They are often marketed with the words "skinny" or "stretch" in the title and some have elasticated hems. If we can ensure that students are not wearing trousers that cling to the ankle, we should address the growing amount of trousers that are not appropriate.

As you know we do not insist on a single supplier for items like trousers but below is a selection of trousers that are reasonably priced and should meet our expectations. However, as some girls will be growing quickly, parental judgement is needed as to whether trousers that are an appropriate design are too small or have been grown out of.

Thank you in advance for your support.

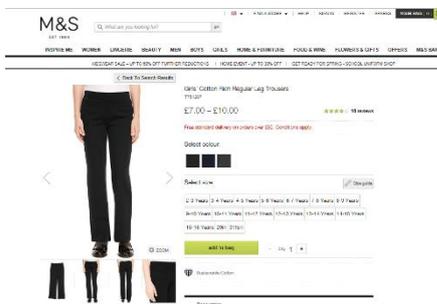


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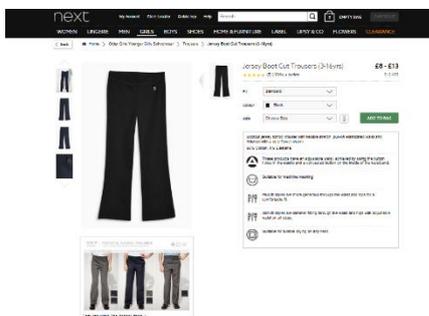
Girls Trousers from ASDA available from £3 per pair

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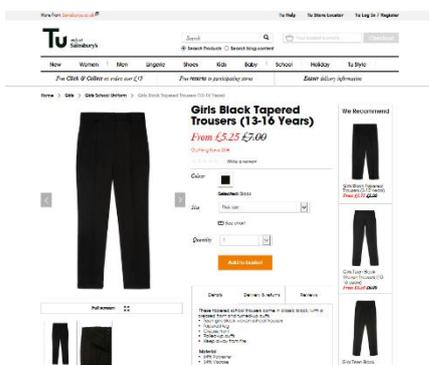
Girls trousers from M&S available from £7 per pair

<http://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-regular-leg-trousers/p/p22388768?prevPage=srp>



Girls trousers from Next available from £8 per pair

<http://www.next.co.uk/x57626s2#799110>



Girls trousers from Sainsbury's available from £5.25 per pair

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