

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Uniform Subsidy

As you are aware the Academy has historically paid for a tie and a blazer for all students. In total, this costs the Academy over £50,000 each year.

The Trust board has a duty to consider the financial position of the Academy at all times and as such has taken the decision that for the Academic Year 2021/2022 and onwards the Academy can no longer subsidise uniform cost for all students. As such parents will be responsible for the cost of all uniform items themselves.

We are aware that some families experience particular financial difficulties in our community and I wish to reassure those families in receipt of Pupil Premium funding we will provide a voucher to purchase a blazer and a tie for each child eligible so they can continue to be subsidised; however, the ordering and purchase of the uniform will be the responsibility of the parent. We will be writing to you in the next few weeks if you are eligible. If you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding and have not yet applied, please see our school website for details of how to do this <https://sentamu.com/pupil-premium>

We do not wish any child in any family to feel they cannot attend school because they are unable to purchase a uniform. Please do contact info@sentamuacademy.org to discuss your particular situation with the Academy should you feel the process outlined above places you in significant hardship.

This decision was not taken lightly and I am aware that this is an additional cost for you to pay, however, we find ourselves needing to focus our funds on supporting students in the classroom and this decision, with others, will help us to do that.

You remain in our prayers.

Chay Bell
Academy Principal