

ESSENTIAL READING FOR PARENTS

The Government had announced freedom day as being 19th July 2021 but have now said that anyone pinged by test and trace must self isolate for 10 days, including anyone who has been double vaccinated. This new ruling is in place until 16th August 2021. The R rate is still increasing rapidly and from Monday 19th July it is said there will be no need to social distance and many people will choose to stop wearing face masks. We hope masks will continue to be worn in The Schoolwear Shop as the potential is that my store could get closed down due to staff having to self isolate. We accordingly urge parents to shop early to minimise the risk of our inability to supply particularly in late August due to supplier shipping problems.

We have noticed that a larger proportion of customers than expected are still choosing to shop online www.theschoolwearshop.net rather than risk shopping in a store that is extremely busy during the summer holidays and the online parcels take up a tremendous amount of time in picking and packing.

I therefore wish to advise the arrangements for this back to school trading period:-

There will be 2 choices for parents:-

- 1) Online www.theschoolwearshop.net - parcels will be delivered to the address the customer chooses for delivery.
- 2) Shopping in store. The trading hours will be amended to **12.00 – 17.30 on Monday - Saturday** (we do not open August bank holiday).

I am by necessity reducing the store opening times to accommodate the high volume of picking and packing of the much increased web orders. Please note click and collect is not an option - we have no space to store parcels. The morning web orders will have to be sorted into postcodes and removed from the store by opening time at midday.

Returns can be posted back or brought back into the store for a refund or exchange within 28 days of purchase.

Parents choosing online may find the following general guide useful for the average 4 and 12 year old starting at school – I recommend careful measuring and making a full list of requirements before commencing ordering.

Sizing guide if shopping online - child starting in Reception (average 4 year old)

Fleece 3/4 as garment comes up big, sweatshirts 5/6 as there is insufficient growth in a 3/4, cardigan 3/4 as they are not buttoned up and therefore are more roomy, polo shirt 24" which is age 4/5, PE T-shirt 3/4, jogpants 3/4, shorts 18/20" waist.

Sizing guide if shopping online - child starting in Year 7 (average 12 year old)

Blazer 30", pullover / slipover 11/12, PE polo 30/32", tracktop / training top / rugby shirt / hoodie / sweatshirt 30/32", shorts 26/28" waist, trackpants 26/28" (5ft 2"), shirts 13.5 collar (age 10/11) or 14" collar (age 11/12), blouses 34" (age 11/12)

Please note - All the clothing has got room built in already and is therefore to fit the chest size of your child so there is no need to add inches on. A 30" garment is to fit a 30" chest therefore it actually measures bigger than 30" because otherwise it would be skin tight if it measured 30"

Kind regards

Sally & all the team at The Schoolwear Shop