



October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wear Something Different Days

At Noadswood, we have a strong student leadership team that works alongside our Student Voice group. They represent the students' views, listening to ideas on how to improve our school site and bringing those ideas back for discussion. One suggestion from the students was to have more non-school uniform days, knowing the money raised would support school projects, such as the new bike shed built over the summer holidays.

On Wear Something Different Days, students have the option to wear either full non-school uniform or just one item of different clothing. A £1.00 donation is requested to participate, which will fund future school projects. Our current project for this academic year is in the early stages of planning an outdoor library.

For this academic year, we have set five Wear Something Different Days, listed below. The Student Voice team has agreed that donations received on one of these days will support local charities, while the other four dates will fund ongoing school projects. The first Wear Something Different Day will be on Friday, 25 October 2024, supporting two charities: Oakhaven Hospice and Air Ambulance. More information about this day will follow in a separate letter.

Dates for Wear Something Different Days for 2024-2025:

- Friday, 25 October 2024 – Wear Something Green
- Friday, 13 December 2024
- Friday, 14 February 2025
- Friday, 4 April 2025
- Friday, 23 May 2025

We have also listened to parents and carers who requested the option to make a single payment for these days, rather than paying termly. Therefore, you now have the option on Arbor to either pay £5.00 upfront for all five non-uniform days or continue to pay £1.00 per term. The £5.00 option will only be available this term and must be completed by Wednesday, 23 October 2024. All students who pay to wear non-uniform will be entered into a prize draw for their year group.

Please go to the Shop area in Arbor and select "Wear Something Different Day – Full Year" to make the £5.00 contribution for the year, or choose "Wear Something Different Day 25/10/24" if you

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prefer to contribute termly. The Arbor Shop will open on Monday, 13 October and close on Wednesday, 23 October at 4 pm.

If your child would like to pay their contribution in cash, I will be collecting this (office opposite M24). If you are concerned about the financial implications, please email me at mwyse@noadswood.hants.sch.uk. Please ensure your child brings their PE kit if they are scheduled to do PE on that day.

Yours sincerely,

Marina Wyse
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