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Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to provide some clarity about our school skirt policy.

Before the summer holidays, we made the decision to ask all of our students to wear the school skirt, starting in September. This decision was made as a result of the skirts girls were wearing last year. Despite our policy stating that skirts should be knee length and not tight fitting, the majority of girls broke this rule.

In hindsight, this decision was made too late in the year. This put pressure on parents to order the skirts in time for September. Added to this, our current supplier's skirts are more expensive than skirts that can be bought from other places.

We did not intend to cause these problems and we want to apologise for these issues.

We have not enforced the school skirt rule up to this point because some parents didn't manage to get the skirt delivered before the start of the school year or couldn't afford the skirts from the school supplier.

At the end of September, we are able to use an alternative supplier. We have found suppliers who can produce the school skirt much cheaper than our current one.

Therefore, until a new supplier is used, girls are able to wear a skirt that is not the school skirt, as long as it is the right length and fit. Unfortunately, some girls have taken advantage of this and have again started wearing very short and tight skirts.

We ask for your support in ensuring your daughter wears an appropriate skirt.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Clough
Headteacher