

## Parents School Uniform Consultation

24 out of a possible 70 families took part and returned a response to the questionnaire giving a 34% return rate.

13 responses were received following the initial letter

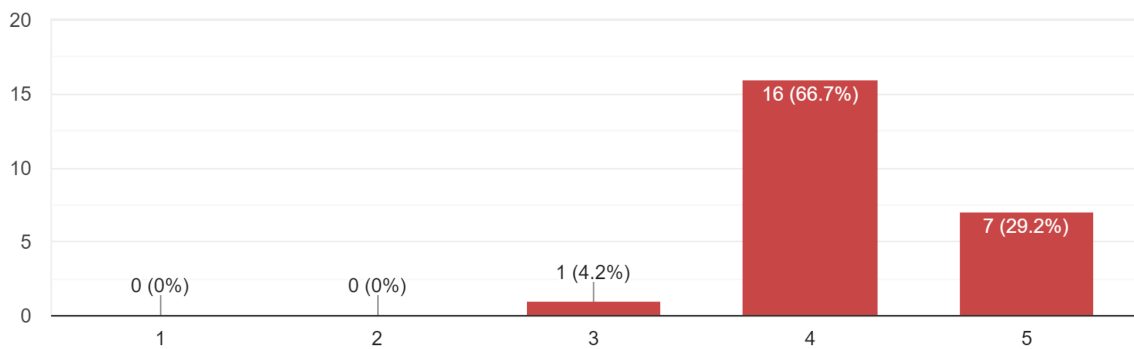
7 responses were received following a link being added to the parents facebook group

4 responses were received following the reminder in the newsletter.

- Please rate the Upham Primary Schools School Uniform (1=Poor 5 = Excellent)

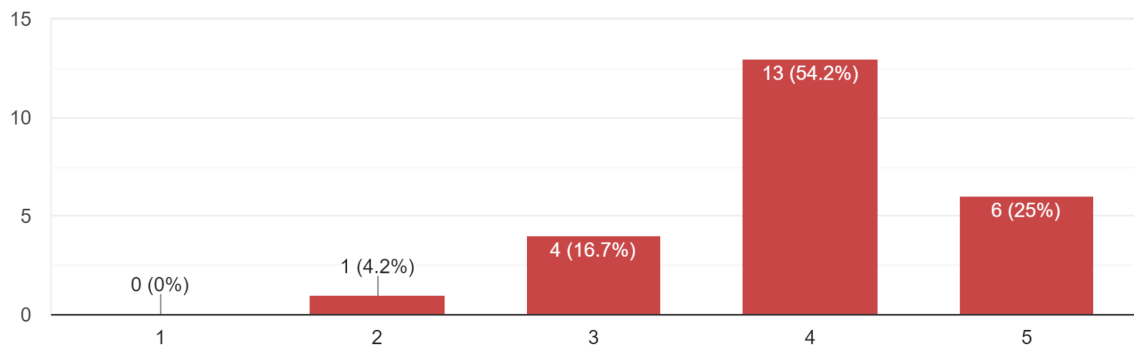
### Overall

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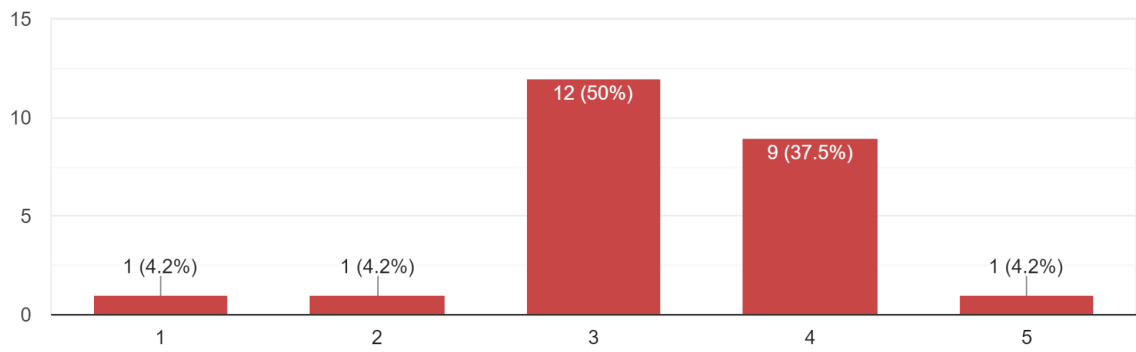
### Quality of Branded Products

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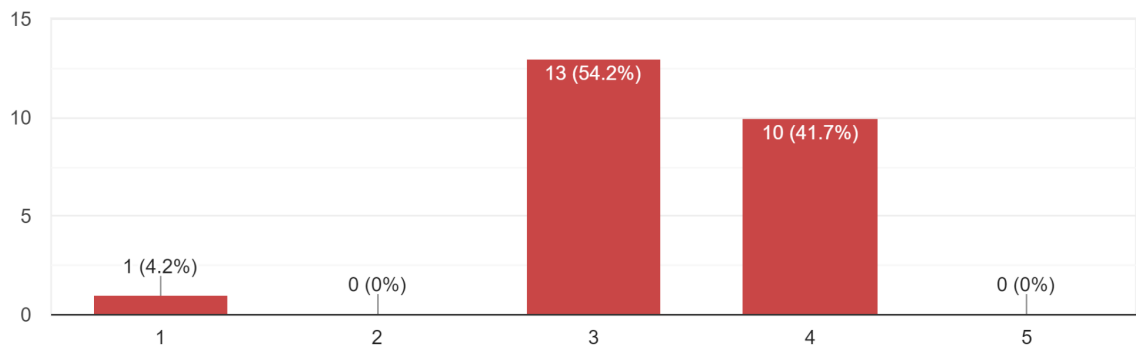
### Value for Money

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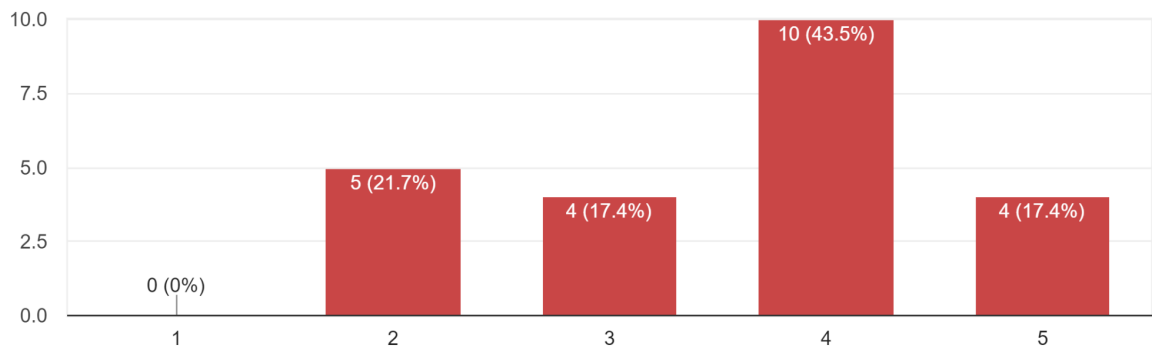
### Affordability

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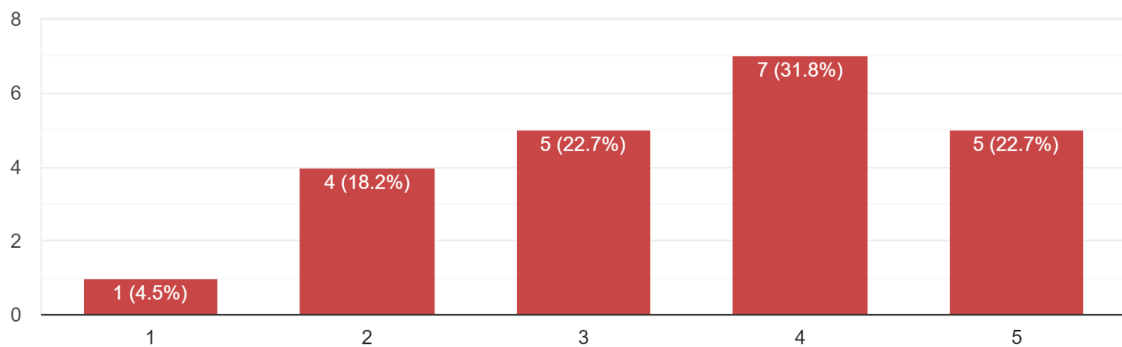
### The quality of the schools PE Kit

23 responses



## Ease to Purchase

22 responses



## Further comments

### Quality

- The non branded T-shirts bought much cheaper are far better quality than the material of the branded stuff. The branded T-shirts were much quicker. The branded jumpers are stiff and he has grown out of them much quicker than the non branded which is softer cheaper and wash better.
- The quality of the jumpers has reduced
- Honestly I don't buy any branded goods from skool kit as overpriced and a bit "fuddy" looking and not so comfortable. Aside from Year R, I have bought Sainsburys uniform.
- No problems at all with the uniform
- PE Tshirts shrink very easily and come up very short in body.
- We have been lucky enough to receive hand me downs of lots of items but I have very much appreciated that there has not been pressure to be wearing branded items - generic supermarket alternatives are much more affordable and it's great to see that there is little stigma from the school or peers to feel branded items are the 'right' choice.
- Happy with uniform. We do not have any pe kit, so could not comment on this.

### Skoolkit

- Takes too long to receive the goods if you order online during peak periods
- Ordering from skoolkit is very easy and the uniform lasts. Generally I give it away to smaller children as it's still got lots of wear.

### Cost

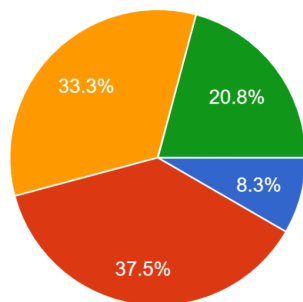
- When you add up the cost of all of branded clothing items required it begins to amount. Although I think all school are in the same position.

## Second Hand Uniform

- Would be useful to have 2nd hand uniform group on social media or whatsapp for the school to enable parents to buy more second hand to save money and be less wasteful.
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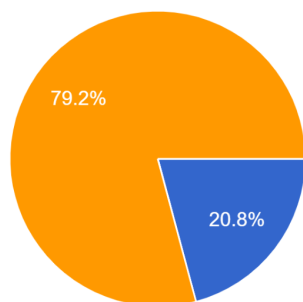


- Branded Items are compulsory school uniform
- It is compulsory to wear a branded school jumper / cardigan
- I can pick and choose which branded items and non branded items I send my child to school in
- Branded items are not compulsory

- What is the main reason that you replace uniform?

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- Wear & tear
- Poor Quality
- Outgrown
- Lost

- In your opinion what do you find hardest about school uniform shopping?

Sizing

Skoolkit

Delivery

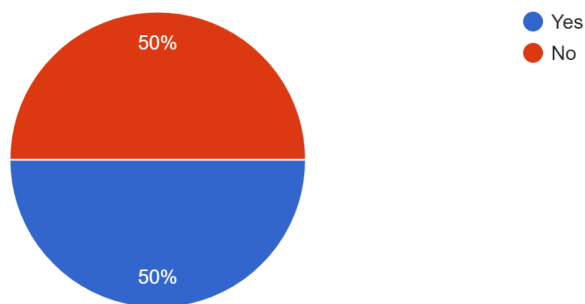
Nothing

If you order online it can take quite a while to arrive  
Having to purchase all items ready for the September start, as over the summer they've generally grown.  
Frequency of outgrowing and needing to buy more.  
Cost! Hard to find cheap alternatives to branded pe kit  
My child is large and things don't always work or fit properly  
Travelling to eastleigh to buy and check sizes.  
The times I want to buy from the uniform shop the process always feels a little outdated  
Affordability  
Location of skoolkit  
Lot of money going branded but it is smarter  
getting them in before the summer holidays as stock tends to run low.  
the only branded item I felt I must purchase was the PE hoodie which was a lot more effort and cost to get hold of  
Finding the time to do so.  
Finding the time to go into Eastleigh Skoolkit!

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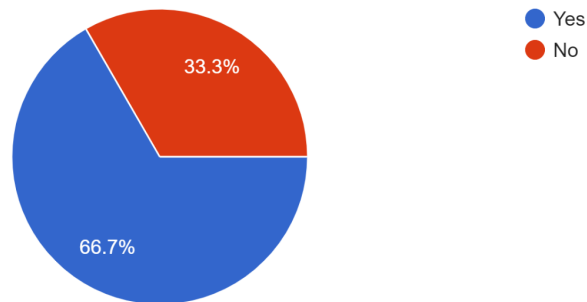
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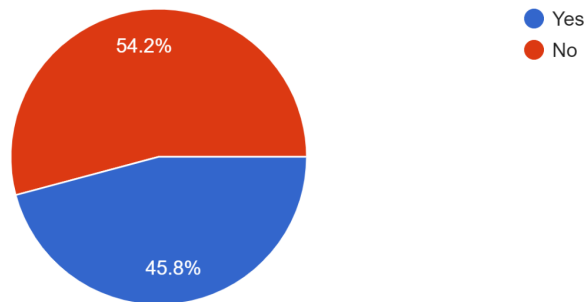


### If yes, how would you like to see access to second hand school uniform improved?

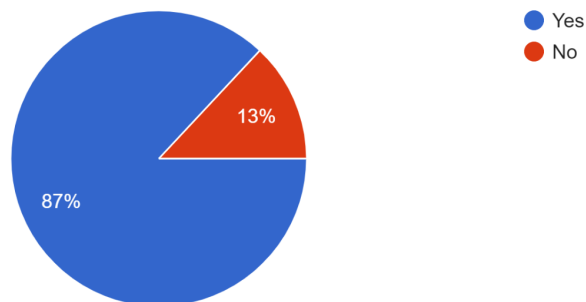
- Maybe regular sales at pick up or a second hand box on the playground with honesty box for payment
- At least half termly access. Or a way to make a request.
- End of year sale at the school
- More sales and parents donating old uniform
- At the office, so accessible most of the time? (For example, there is one sale tonight, but I'm at work and can't get to it)
- Better storage and organisation so you can easily find what you are looking for
- Once a term have the opportunity to buy, either in person in the playground at pickup, or an email could go round with available items?
- Regular 2nd hand sales at school
- Whatsapp group for parents looking for specific items of uniform would be useful. More regular uniform sales including trousers/shorts/skirts
- An area to easily access every week at school
- Pop up stall once a week by rota of parents
- I think kids don't like their uniform being "rummaged" for in front of their peers.
- It would be nice to feel that second hand uniforms were available on a regular fixed half termly basis so that there is some consistent expectation about when this might be available. Uniform sales are often advertised at shorter notice and in the past I have purchased new items only to find a few weeks later there was an opportunity to pick up second hand items. It may also be possible to consider online options such as [grownoutofit.co.uk](http://grownoutofit.co.uk).
- To have a termly stall. Or for parents to ask for certain uniform to the person in charge.

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Does the school have reasonable expectations on uniform / equipment required for extra curricular activities - such as after school clubs, inter school tournaments?  
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### Comments

- Inter school tournaments can require items for one off use. Could there be a store that could be shared rather than one off purchases.
- Would prefer they left shoes at school if they're coming home in trainers. Seems silly to lug shoes home then trainers back in the next day
- we should have team sports kits - often look very mish mashed and unprofessional at such events.

Would you make any changes to the school uniform including PE Kit to make it more accessible and affordable?

- No

- The colour of the T-shirt is very impractical and gets stained by mud really easily leaving it looking shabby
- Better quality T-shirts and jumpers that will last. Consider colour of pe shorts they are not easy to get anywhere else.
- Perhaps a plain sweatshirt for the PE kit. I have purchased the branded hoodie and have felt as though my daughter hasn't had the wear out of it.
- Supermarket alternatives are v cheap (but they wear out quicker and may be a false economy)
- Change to better sized/quality PE T shirt (current ones shrink easily and come up short in body)
- None
- When the school does activities with other schools, we don't look part of a team as there's little consistency. I think non branded sports wear would be fine for normal pe lessons and a 'kit' for tournaments etc
- I'd swap supplier
- Allowing everything non-branded - including PE kit would be a great step.
- No, it's fine as it is I think.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about school uniforms?

- No
- Disappointed in the wear and tear of the more expensive branded items
- Branded uniform lasts well - outgrown before worn out and could be passed on. Supermarket clothes shrink and wear out quickly but good backup
- It's nice seeing everyone in similar, smart uniforms, but it's hard when there are different levels of affordability and children grow so fast
- They keep things smart and has recognition
- Upham have worked to make the colours more suitable to enable parents to purchase generic items in supermarkets etc. This has been greatly appreciated.
- Happy with school uniform.