**School Uniform? No Thank You!**

Your task is to write a letter to the head teacher arguing either for OR against a school uniform for our school.

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| **For** | **Against** |
| -Uniforms give all the children from a school the same identity  -Uniforms prevent children from being bullied  -Uniforms keep children safe because people know where they belong, especially on school trips  -Parents won’t have to spend lots of money buying their children designer clothes  -Children don’t have the pressure of choosing clothes to wear each morning  -Children can concentrate on lessons rather than on what others are wearing  -Children should be proud to represent their school  -Children look smart in school uniform  -Children’s own clothes would get messy and dirty  -If everyone is wearing the same then we are all equal | -Uniforms are expensive and some parents may struggle to afford them.  -Children grow quickly so uniforms will have to be replaced often.  -Children have to take care of them but they can get ripped and dirty  -Children have to wear uniform so why don’t teachers?  -Uniforms stop children from looking like individuals  -Uniforms do not teach children that everyone in the world looks different  -School should be a place where diversity is celebrated.  -Children’s own clothes are more comfortable  -More children would want to come to our school if they knew they could wear their own clothes  -School uniform clothes, like white shirts, get dirty far too easily |

**What is school uniform?**

School uniforms are specific clothes that a certain school requires its students to wear. Uniforms generally consist of either a dress shirt or polo shirt for both boys and girls and dark trousers for both or a dark or plaid skirt for girls. Shoes may be dress shoes or plain dark shoes.

**Some facts about school uniform**

-94% of all primary schools have a school uniform.

-From the age of 4, until they leave school at around 17, a child will probably go through around 13/14 sets of school uniform clothes.

-They will use around 50 white shirts/polo tops over this time.

-Large supermarkets have recognised the need for cheap uniforms that are easy to replace.

-Most items of school uniform can be bought for less than £5

-Studies have shown that not having school uniform affects self-esteem,  confidence, bullying and behaviour in school.

**Bank of Persuasive Techniques**

Exaggeration Rule of 3 Repetition

Emotive Language Rhetorical Questions

Statistics/Facts Present Tense Give reasons

Discredit opposite view Formal connectives