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Dear Parents/Carers,

Outwood Grange Academies Trust have been working closely with our uniform provider, Trutex, to minimise the impact of rising manufacturing and import costs over the last few years and have managed to hold prices fairly constant. Unfortunately the current economic climate has seen Trutex costs rise further in both production and import, therefore, we have agreed a small price increase. We have worked with Trutex to try to keep this price increase to a minimum as we know that families are currently facing increases in prices across so many bills and purchases.

The prices on [www.trutextdirect.com](http://www.trutextdirect.com) will be updated from 1 February 2022.

In the last few years we have worked to reduce the number of logoed items within our uniform in line with the Government's recent guidance. Items that no longer require a branded version e.g. shirts/blouses, jumpers, PE kit, are still available with the logo on the Trutex website, should you choose to purchase them, but alternative comparable items are acceptable. The uniform policy can be found on academy [websites](#). If you have any queries please contact your child(ren)'s school.

Please be assured that as a Trust we regularly run an open procurement process to appoint our uniform supplier to ensure that we secure the lowest price for highest quality garments.

I would also bring your attention to Trutex Pre-Loved which offers recycled uniform that has been professionally cleaned and, where necessary, repaired to ensure it is in 'as good as new' condition. This is available at reduced prices and can be viewed by logging in to [www.trutextdirect.com](http://www.trutextdirect.com) with code: LEA00980SC or adding this code to an existing account. Not only does this offer great value for money, but also supports the Trust's environmental and sustainability agenda.

There is support available from your child(ren)'s school should you require assistance with affordability, this can be accessed via the hardship policy on the academy website or by speaking to staff. Applications are confidential and our schools will support their families in any way possible.