## SECONDARY SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSULTATION

Results

## Demographic



## Question 1 - Current views on school uniform in the school with which you are associated


'Other' views - 225 responses:

- Uncomfortable / not suitable - sensory needs; seasonality; skirt length
- Time consuming for enforcement and creates additional conflict
- High cost and poor quality


## Question 2 - What matters related to school uniform would you wish to be included within the guidance?


'Other' views - 150 responses:

- Unsuitable skirt length
- Comfort / seasonality
- Consistent enforcement of policy


## Question 3 - What role does school uniform have in the ethos and culture of schools?

'Other' views - 122 responses:

- Ethos and culture are instilled by teachers and mentors
- Equality of appearance / reduction of bullying
- Additional conflict between teachers and students
- The desired outcome can be reached with less stringent requirements


Question 4 - Are there any particular items of school uniform which are central to the ethos and culture of schools?


The outcome of this question actually contradicts the majority of responses to the other questions, which highlight ties, blazers and branded PE Kit as being costly and not necessary

## Question 5 - What can schools do within their policies to support the aim of minimising the cost of school uniform?

'Other' views - 206 responses:

- Shoe policy
- Expensive sport kit



## Response to Draft Principles

Agreement with the Principles



## Recurring Themes and Additional Comments (268 Responses)

- Strong feelings on shoe policy, particularly the requirement to allow single-colour footwear.
- Branded PE Kit is too expensive.
- Enforcement of uniform policy distracts from more important matters and creates conflict between students and staff.
- Seasonality of uniform - not allowed to remove jumpers/blazers when too warm; not allowed to wear coats/jackets when too cold.
- Skirts are too short.
- Uniform policy is out of touch with modern working practices - decreased number of workplaces require shirt and tie
- Standardisation across schools and a centralised provider to reduce cost, with collection available from schools.

