

The Education Act Key Points

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Uniform policies need to consider best value and quality not just price.



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When considering costs schools should take into account all items that may make up the uniform, including non-specific items like shoes.



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Schools should avoid frequent changes to uniform specifications, and should be able to show how any proposed change has secured best value for money for parents, or why the change was required.

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If a school already has an existing contract, they must have regard to the guidance once they consider renewal or extension of their existing contract.



Schools should continue to keep branded /logo'd items to a minimum as per the direction in the 2013 guidance.

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Uniform policies should clearly state which items are optional and compulsory and where to purchase items from.

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Schools should ensure that second hand uniform is available with information on how to access it.



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Schools should tender their supply at least every 5 years.

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Schools should consider parents' and students' views on uniform policy when reviewing.



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A school's policy should be available to view by all existing and prospective parents and be easy to understand.



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