

Council, Tuesday 3 November 2009

Motion 3.7: Councillor John Hart

School Uniforms

Council firmly believes that uniforms should be worn by pupils in Barnet Schools.

Council notes and appreciates the work of the supermarkets in significantly bringing down the costs of uniforms and sports kit. Council notes that supermarket prices are in sharp contrast to some suppliers that may charge up to £300 for a full set of uniforms for the school year.

Council believes that in these difficult economic times schools should be flexible in their choice of suppliers in order to minimise the cost of uniforms and particularly sports kit for parents.

Council believes that there should be an open market for school uniforms and that forcing parents to purchase clothing from a single supplier places an unacceptable and unnecessary financial burden upon them.

Council instructs the Director for Children's Services to write to all Headteachers and Chairmen of Governors in the Borough, asking them to ensure that they have as many generic items in their school uniform rules as possible, do not force parents to purchase specialist clothing from a single supplier and are flexible with their sport kit policies in order to minimise the cost to parents.

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.