



# J C G Prep School

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## **Proposed School Name Change** **Jersey College for Girls Preparatory School to Jersey College Preparatory School**

Dear Parents

As many of you are aware, we are in the process of proposing a change to the school name to ensure that the mixed, co-education nature of the school is truly reflected. Over the years, the name Jersey College for Girls Preparatory School has been informally shortened to JCG Prep partly to address this issue. Since starting the school, I have been involved in several conversations with Parents, particularly new families joining the school, who have been very perplexed by the school's name and questioned the 'for Girls' part in light of the fact that almost a third of the school community is made up of boys. As you can imagine, on occasions we have also had some rather disgruntled boys who are also far from impressed that the name suggests they are attending a 'girls school!'

For this reason, I am proposing we remove the 'for Girls' part of the name and become Jersey College Preparatory School. It will reflect the inclusive school community and our commitment to our core values, especially and most importantly, 'Belong'. The name would also be well placed within the College system and reflect our strong relationship with both VCP and JCG.

I am delighted with the proposal and feel that it is long overdue. The name change would hopefully come into effect in September 2016. However, I do want to re-assure Parents that whilst we would consider changes to uniform in the future, this would evolve over time and would only affect Parents once they came to a natural point of purchasing or updating uniform. If the name change is agreed, a team would be established to investigate possible uniform changes and I would welcome any Parents to join the team.

The Chief Education Officer, Minister for Education and Governing Body have all agreed to the proposed change of name for the school and the proposition is due to be included in a States debate next week.

Please contact me if you have any further questions or feedback.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher