

UNIFORM POLICY



Introduction

It is our school policy that all students age 6yrs-16yrs wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organized events outside normal school hours.

Students in the proposed sixth form will wear home clothes however we ask pupils to wear and to take pride in their personal appearance.

Some items of uniform can be obtained from the school such as blazers, jumpers, and sweatshirts, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, are detailed below.

Aims and objectives.

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- Identifies pupils with the school.
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion.
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class.
- Makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind.

The policy explains that pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery, with the exception of earring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance.

Pupils are not allowed to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels for health and safety reasons. Instead, pupils must wear plain black shoes or trainers without logos.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up- (Any make-up worn must be modest and discreet) Lipstick, false eyelashes and acrylic nails are not allowed.

Acrylic nails and varnish should not be worn for health and safety reasons.

The school do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note, teachers are not permitted to remove earrings for students.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either blue or black. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hour's function, for example a school outing. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair colored or dyed in extreme colours.

The Role of Carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents and carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all

items. If carers/parents have difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents and carers should be assured that we will do all we can to help. For example, as a special school there can be valid sensory issues regarding textiles and button fastenings.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our 'uniform' box. Parents/carers will be contacted to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the

School will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent/carer would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the head teacher.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. The policy ensures that the school uniform enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The school reviews and monitors uniform by:

- seeking the views of parents/carers, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy; considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents/carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regards to school uniform.
- Through student council and pupil voice

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of grey/black. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with a * below, some of which have the school logo on, are provided in school. Please speak to our office staff for supply.

Secondary Students:

- Black Shoes/Trainers
- Black Bottoms (shorts/trackies/trousers or jeans)
- White Polo or Shirt
- School Hoodies will be provided.
- **strictly no ripped jeans/tops**

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. When girls wear shorts, even when these are worn over tights, they should also be of an appropriate length. Three-quarter, calf length, black leggings can be worn.

Coats can be worn outside only. Please note that children should not wear scarves inside the school building. If trainers are worn these should be plain without logos. Please do not send students to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.



Outcomes
First Group