

STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY AND DRESS CODE

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Rationale

This policy is necessary in order to ensure students come to school in appropriate clothing for Health & Safety considerations as well as to convey a respectable image of the school. The uniform and dress code also aim at instilling among the students a sense of belonging to the school.

Purpose

This policy sets out the expectations of the school in relation to students' dress code and the wearing of school uniform. The policy applies to all students unless any particular student is exempted for reasons accepted by the school.

The school uniform enables students to feel part of our learning community. Students are expected to wear their uniform with pride at all times. The requirements are intended to be simple, straightforward and sensible.

Implementation

Roles and Responsibilities

Students and their parents/carers are responsible for following the standards of dress/uniform and appearance as laid down in this policy and should understand how this policy relates to their learning environment, responsibilities and health and safety requirements.

The school recognises the diversity of cultures, religions and disabilities of its students and will take a sensitive approach when this affects dress and uniform requirements; the Headteacher will advise accordingly where any conflict between the student dress code and the students' needs arise.

Different dress codes may be agreed for specific situations where students are undertaking certain activities/tasks and there are health and safety considerations, for example going on particular educational visits, etc. Such situations are likely to be temporary in nature and permission to depart from the dress code or need to wear a uniform will only apply for the period in question.

Basic Dress

- Black long-sleeved jumper with school logo and college colour (red, blue, green, yellow).
- Black unisex polo shirt with college colour OR black girls' fit polo shirt with school logo and college colour.
- Black tailored straight-legged trousers with logo. No other trousers permitted.
- AND/OR (for girls only) black skirt with logo. No other skirt permitted.
- Socks should be plain black or plain white only. Tights should be natural or black only with no patterns.
- Plain black school shoes. No high heels. Shoes must NOT be made of canvas. Shoes must NOT show an obvious logo.
- Plain ALL black coat of your choice. No large logos allowed (a 'hoodie' made from non-waterproof material or a sports jacket made from non-waterproof material is not acceptable).

PE Kit

- White polo top with school logo and college colour.
- Optional long-sleeved reversible black sports top with school logo.
- Black/dark blue shorts OR plain black/dark blue tracksuit bottoms.
- Black sports leggings (girls only – must be sportswear NOT fashion leggings).
- Black/white sports socks (compulsory).
- Trainers (suitable for indoor and outdoor use, including the astro-turf pitch and grass).
- Football/hockey boots (optional).

Accessories

- Hats and scarves must be removed before entering any school building.
- Any make up should be discreet and natural.
- Hair should be natural colours and in a simple hair style. Long hair may need to be tied back when necessary for health and safety.
- Nails should be natural in length and colour. No acrylic nails are permitted.
- Jewellery is not permitted other than a single set of stud earrings. Nose piercings recently done can only be a small, clear stud or must be covered at all times with tape (plaster). After six weeks the stud must be removed when in school.

Parents are asked to write an explanatory note should there be an occasion when a child has to attend school without the correct dress. The school will endeavour to offer the child a 'lend' for that day (trousers, jumpers, skirts, polo shirt).

All school uniform with the logo is available to buy through The School Uniform Specialists online shop – a link is provided on the school website.

Students who do not comply with the dress code rules can expect to be sanctioned in line with the school behaviour management procedures.

Links to other policies/documents

Governors' Delegation of Functions (Function 54)

Student Behaviour Management Policy