

School Uniform Policy

COVID ADDENDUM: The COVID-19 era continues to require reasonable adjustments to be made, with a sensitive approach to students and families, who may be experiencing economic hardship.

School uniform is an important element of the school's ethos and all students are expected to wear their uniform correctly and take an active pride in their appearance.

The school is a place of work and students' standards of uniform are expected to reflect the important nature of learning and appropriate health & safety considerations.

Students are expected to respect and embrace the school uniform policy and will be sanctioned if they do not meet the agreed standards.

Plain black trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Straight or boot leg only, no flare, drainpipe, skinny, cargo or other 'fashion' style. • Must be standard school trouser material; no denim, cord or other non-standard material. • Belts, where worn, should be plain, black and with standard sized buckle and passed through loops on a waistband.
Plain black skirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls may wear a plain black skirt which is long enough to reach within 5cm of their knees as a minimum i.e. skirts should not be shorter than this • Must be standard school skirt material; no denim, cord or other non-standard material. • Tight-fitting, tube-like skirts must not be worn.
Tights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls may wear plain, opaque black tights only.
Plain white shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-button, collared type, long or short sleeve, standard plain cotton or poly-cotton material - no thick linen or other non-standard material. • Must be fully buttoned up to the neck and fully tucked into waistband. • Since the top button must be fastened, neck size should be big enough to be comfortable.
Black blazer	<p>THE BLAZER WILL NOT BE REQUIRED IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDING THE COVID-19 FORCED CLOSURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conventional school style with school badge on breast pocket. • To be worn at all times on the school site (buttoned or unbuttoned). Students can take their blazers off inside the classroom. But only at the discretion of the teacher.
Black shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoes must be all black with no coloured additions. • Must be clearly shoes <u>not</u> boots or trainers. • Can be slip-on, 'velcro' straps or laced (eyes not hooks). • <u>Must have a full, sturdy upper; no open side/toes, no slippers or sandals</u> • Sole to be as flat as possible; where a heel is worn should be no higher than 4cm. • No unnecessary buckles, straps, bows or other additions. • No logos (coloured or black) or embellishments. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><i>Black leather shoes ONLY are to be worn due to the potentially hazardous nature of the school building and activities conducted in classrooms. Shoes made from canvas, or similar material, are not to be worn.</i></p> </div>
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only plain black socks must be worn with trousers.
School tie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School design only • Clip-on school ties must be worn by all students. • Knotted ties are not to be worn.
School pullover (jumper)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School design only; black, v-neck with blue and gold bands around neck. • Not compulsory, but is the only acceptable garment if an additional layer is required over a shirt and under a blazer.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never to be worn inside the school building.

Outdoor clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A coat, gloves, scarf and hat may be worn for inclement weather. These must be plain and functional; ideally with no logos, stripes or coloured patches but, if present, these must be discreet. • Baseball caps are unacceptable at any time. • Hooded tops (hoodies) should not be worn under blazers.
Jewellery/ adornments/ make-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideally no jewellery should be worn. • A watch, single plain, flat ring per hand (i.e. 2 max.) and a *single pair of plain ear studs (not hoops/rings/flesh tunnels) can be worn, one in each ear lobe. No other items must be visible. • Ideally no make-up; where this is worn, it should be very light and discreet. • Bracelets in any form are not to be worn • Nose piercings ideally should not be worn. If students do have this piercing, then a sleeper must only be worn which will be transparent and discrete. Metal or coloured studs and rings will not be tolerated. • Tongue piercings, facial jewellery or similar body piercings must never be worn. Any new piercings/flesh tunnel procedures that require a 'healing period' should only take place during school holidays that are long enough to accommodate this healing process. All piercings (other than what is allowed as stated above*) must be removed and not simply covered up with plasters during school time. • Tattoos (permanent or semi-permanent) should not be visible. • No jewellery should be worn during physical education or other practical activities. • Clear nail varnish is permitted. Coloured nail varnish and false nails are not allowed.
Hair styles and colour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme hair styles are prohibited; these may include full or partial shaving (including 'tram-lines' or other patterns). • Hair should not be dyed (either permanent or semi-permanent) beyond colours close to natural hair colours (e.g. extreme bleaching and/or red, pink, blue or purple colours) • Hair should be only one colour and not a combination of 2 or more complimentary or contrasting colours e.g. black hair with blonde streaks would be inappropriate. • The expectation is that long hair will be tied and secured away from the face, neck and shoulders when learning activities dictate e.g. sport and practical work in a science laboratory. • Hair clips and hair bands and other hair-retaining devices should be plain black in colour and discreet.

Students may wish to wear an alternative or additional garment (e.g. headscarf) for religious reasons. Where this is the case, permission should be sought from the school. The school may refuse permission on health and safety grounds but where it is granted all such items must be plain black with no logos or patterns.

Valuables and electronic equipment

Ideally students should not bring personal electronic equipment (e.g. mobile telephones and media players) into school.

Where students do choose to bring these to school we will (a) assume they have parental permission and (b) adopt an 'OFF & OUT OF SIGHT' approach in the school grounds and buildings.

If such items are seen in school, staff will confiscate them from students. Parents/carers will then be required to collect the items from school reception. Students may attract additional sanctions for the persistent use of such items.

We ask for the support of parents/carers in not contacting their children during school hours via their mobile phones. If emergency contact is needed, please call school reception and a message will be passed to your child. If a child needs to make emergency contact, they are to use the telephone in school reception to do so.

The school will not accept any liability for loss or damage to such personal effects detailed above, however caused.

Rulings on Uniform Issues

The relevant Head of Year will act as arbiter if a decision concerning the appropriateness of any element of uniform is required.

Parents/carers who disagree with any ruling have the right to appeal to the governing body.