



UNIFORM & APPEARANCE POLICY

Governor Lead:	Pastoral sub-committee
Nominated Lead Member of Staff:	Headmaster
Last Review Date:	March 2023

Aim

- All pupils smartly wearing the full correct uniform

Principles

We believe that a school uniform supports a community spirit and sense of belonging. It removes unnecessary early-morning decision-making about what to wear and in so doing any competitive element about buying the latest expensive designer-wear. Uniform is also practical in provision of pockets for equipment and standards cards, and recognition on school trips. We also believe our uniform represents good value for money.

Practice

Given the above aim and principles, it would be unfair if some pupils were allowed to flout the regulations while others make every effort to wear the full uniform with pride. Consequently, staff are vigilant about the way school uniform is worn and we believe the vast majority of pupils and parents support this ambition.

The standard uniform regulations are set out below:

Regulations Concerning School Dress **All pupils must wear standard uniform as outlined below**

It is right that school supports the government guidance in ensuring school uniform is affordable and good value for money. By keeping the number of branded items to a minimum; whilst setting out clear guidance, we believe the policy creates a uniform that is smart and practical.

Examples of acceptable styles can be found on the school website – Parents -> Uniform

- **Blazer with school crest***
- **White long sleeved/short-sleeved blouse with reverse collar** *and/or* **White Long sleeved/short-sleeved shirt with collar for tie.**
- **School Tie with crest.** *This must be worn with the white long/short sleeved collared shirt. The ties are bought directly from school, available from late May 2023*
- **Grey Trousers** *(should be formal, suit-type, not jeans or 'skinny')* *and/or* **Grey pleated skirt** *(must be long enough to be at knee height). Skirt can be with school logo* or generic (see examples on website)*
- **Grey V-Necked Jumper**
- **Black Socks** – *calf-length or shorter* *and/or* **Black tights** – *opaque, plain*
- **Black shoes** – *these must be black all over with no coloured logos etc. If the shoe looks like a sports shoe, then please do not buy it. See website for acceptable styles.*
- **Coats** *Plain, sensible outdoor coats to be worn over the school blazer. No large unsightly logos. No hoodies as coat substitutes. 'Fleece coats' must be obvious as such.*

** Purchase from Monkhouse*

HAIR, MAKE-UP, JEWELLERY

- School is not a fashion show: pupils need to learn to dress appropriately and this applies to school too.
- **Hair** should be natural colour: if it doesn't look natural, it is not permitted. Conservatively styled. Cuts to eyebrows are not acceptable. There should be no false eyelashes or extensions.
- No **make-up** (including nail varnish, false nails) should be worn: if it's noticeable, it needs to be removed.
- Only one small **stud earring** per ear lobe is allowed. No other body piercings are allowed. A small discreet necklace may be worn as long as it is mostly not visible.
- **Hats**, scarves allowed as outdoor garments only

- **Religious head coverings** are permitted – plain dark blue or black. This should form part of the regular and sincere religious observance of the pupil.
- **Naming:** Every article of clothing must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

SPORTS CLOTHING

PE (INDOOR)

- **NCS Trainee Tee** (Compulsory)
- **Shorts** (Compulsory)
- **Skorts** (Compulsory)
- **Full Zip top** (Optional)
- **1/2 Zip top** (Optional)
- **Training pants** (Optional)
- **Printed leggings** (Optional)
- **Games socks** (Compulsory)

GAMES (OUTDOOR)

- **Games Shirt***
- **Socks Navy & Gold***
- **Rain Jacket*** (Optional)
- **Track Suit Trousers*** (Optional)
- **Navy Sweatshirt with NCS logo**
- **Navy leggings***
- **Games Skort***
- **Socks Navy & Gold***
- **Rain Jacket*** (Optional)
- **Track Suit Trousers*** (Optional)

Items marked with an asterisk* may only be obtained from the School outfitters, F R Monkhouse Ltd., 25 Market St, Altrincham, WA14 1QS- Tel: (0161) 941 7503 www.monkhouse.com. Sports Clothing is also purchased from F R Monkhouse Ltd.

COATS. If a coat is worn it must be long enough to cover the blazer. It should be plain in appearance with no, or very few logos, brands or designs on show. Cyclist **MUST** wear helmets and we recommend wearing fluorescent belts.

APRONS. Pupils must have an apron to wear during practical sessions in Science, Art or Technology in order to prevent damage to clothing. These can be obtained from F R Monkhouse Ltd and from other good stockists.

NAMING. Every article of clothing must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

School uniform – appearance

Smart appearance is expected at all times. This applies on the way to and going home from school, school trips, in lessons, between lessons and break times and especially assemblies and the like. Staff will use discretion and allow some relaxation of regulations if pupils are, for example playing football or netball at break times. As soon as the bell sounds to go to lessons or form period, uniforms should

be straightened and worn as per regulations.

Items of clothing **must** be labelled either with sewn/iron on name labels or with indelible ink.

1. Collared shirt top button fastened with tie pulled up in regular knot.
2. Shirt / blouse tucked in.
3. Shoes clean and tidy and polished.
4. Blazers should be worn at all times, including to and from school. In lessons, blazers may be removed if the teacher gives permission. At break times; blazers may be removed when involved in activities such as football or netball; or in periods of warmer weather, but should be carried or kept close by. They must not be tied around waists.
5. Jumpers must not be tucked in.
6. Only school badges (e.g. Prefect, Form Representative or Subject Ambassador) should be worn.
7. Outdoor coats should be worn as appropriate. However, they should be worn on top of the blazer and not instead of. Outdoor coats are not appropriate to be worn when in the school buildings, and must be removed.
8. In very warm weather, the Headmaster may allow removal of school ties and undoing of top button, for comfort. Pupils will be told when this is allowable.
9. Standards Card should be carried at all times in the top pocket of the blazer.
10. Make-up – is not appropriate for school pupils. Pupils seen to be wearing make-up will be required to remove the make-up with a proprietary cleanser.
11. Nail varnish or false nails must not be worn. Pupils seen to be wearing varnish or false nails will be required to remove them with the appropriate product.
12. Jewellery – a single small stud is allowed in each ear lobe. A watch may also be worn. Pupils may wear a discreet necklace that should be tucked behind their shirt or blouse and hardly visible. Bracelets and the like are not allowed. No other jewellery should be worn and no body piercings (including ear gauges/stretchers) or tattoos should be visible, with the exception of religious requirements.
13. Hair – should be neat and tidy. Long hair must be tied back when around the school for health and safety reasons and especially in areas such as laboratories, food and design technology rooms. Haircuts should be regular, with no “patterns” shaved in. For short hair, please no shorter than a “number 3”.
14. School bags. There is no specific school bag but all pupils should bring a suitable, waterproof bag in which to carry books, equipment etc, securely.

Staff are asked to be vigilant in monitoring correct wearing of uniform. Pupils’ failure to comply with these requirements will result in a number of consequences including standards card signing, correction of non-conformity, detention or being sent home to ensure conformity.

The Headmaster takes the final decision regarding the suitability of clothing and appearance. In serious cases where in the opinion of the Headmaster a pupil’s appearance is unacceptable, the pupil may be withdrawn from lessons; if a pupil is required to return home, the parent will be informed of the situation prior to the pupil leaving.