



School Uniform Policy

1. Introduction

It is our policy that all students in Year 7 to Year 11 should wear a school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours, unless exempted from doing so by the Principal on designated days. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and on our website. Effective teaching and learning requires organisation, and this starts with a smart and tidy appearance which helps to instil discipline and pride in students' appearance and reduces the risk of distraction in lessons.

2. Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform;

- promotes a sense of identity and pride for students attending the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Body

- Monitors and reviews the school uniform policy.
- Seeks the views of parents to ensure they agree with and support the policy.
- Requires the Principal to report to the Governing body on the implementation of the policy.

Principal

- To implement and monitor the policy on a day-to-day basis.
- Has overall responsibility for ensuring standards are maintained.
- Is responsible, along with the relevant Head of House / Y11 Progress Leader / Assistant Head of House, for any disciplinary measures required for failing to follow the uniform rules and will contact parents/carers as required.
- Considers, with the Principal, any requests from parents for special dispensation with regard to uniform.

Staff

- Support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress.
- Are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing.
- Make discreet and sympathetic enquiries when students fail to wear correct school uniform.
- Are aware of students whose standard of dress may indicate care issues at home and report concerns to the appropriate persons (see Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy).
- Give positive encouragement to students setting good examples of dress.

Parents/Carers

- Support the School Uniform Policy.
- Ensure their students are appropriately dressed, wearing correct uniform and are ready to learn.
- Ensure that they keep their son's school uniform clean and in good condition.

Students

- Wear correct school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.
- Wear their uniform with pride.
- Keep their uniform clean and tidy.
- Remember to bring PE kit on the correct days.

4. Our Uniform Consists of:

A blue blazer with red crest

A plain white shirt

A grey jumper with blue stripe on v-neck

A school tie (**different for KS3: Years 7-9 and KS4: Years 10-11**)

Dark grey school trousers (skinny fit and jeans are **not** acceptable)

Plain black school shoes (**no** canvas, trainers or trainer like shoes with logos or made by sports brands)

The following items are not permitted in the building: Sports tops, hooded tops and trainers except for wearing during PE lessons.

Branded uniform items can be purchased from: John McHugh

Address: King Street, Stretford, Lancashire M32 8AE
Telephone: 0161 865 3142

Unbranded items can be bought from any school uniform suppliers such as supermarkets and other brand clothes stores such as Marks and Spencer's.

P.E. Clothing

Students must wear our branded PE kit:

- Royal blue Wellacre t-shirt
- Royal blue Wellacre shorts
- Royal blue Wellacre socks
- Wellacre fleece for colder days (optional)
- Wellacre rugby top (optional)
- Trainers / Football boots

All students are required to change for PE, even if they are unable to participate in the practical session. Students must not take part in any PE activity wearing inappropriate footwear. Muddy boots or shoes must be removed before entering the school premises.

5. Guidelines

- It is expected that all students wear the school uniform on each school day with the appropriate footwear.
- The school prospectus provides parents/carers with more details of the uniform and suppliers of items with the school crest and logo.
- If a student does not wear the correct uniform, a C3 detention will be issued and a verbal reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the student. If failure to wear the correct uniform is identified as a persistent issue, parents/carers will be contacted (see Appendix A). The student will also be provided with uniform to wear. Refusal from the student to do this will result in the student being placed in Isolation for the remainder of that day.
- If a student arrives at school wearing incorrect uniform with communication from parents/carers, they will be given a uniform note for that day only, with the expectation that the issue will be resolved the following day.
- Students are responsible for taking care of their own school uniform and that borrowed from school.
- Students who repeatedly come to school without the correct school uniform may be sent home to change or be placed in the Isolation room.

6. Jewellery, piercings, extreme haircuts/colours, tattoos

For Health and Safety reasons students are not allowed to wear jewellery (including piercings) or make-up in school or on their way to and from school whilst in school uniform. The only exception to this rule is a watch. The watch should be functional and practical, not an expensive 'fashion item'.

The school does not permit students to have extreme haircuts and hair colours that could serve as a distraction to other students. Parents should also be aware that tattoos are not permitted.

7. Footwear

All students are required to wear black shoes at all times. Trainers, canvas shoes, boots or shoes with sports logos, white stripes or trainer soles are not suitable footwear and are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Trainers may be worn for sporting activities only.

8. Discipline

The Principal has the legal authority to discipline students for not wearing correct school uniform (see www.gov.uk/school-discipline-exclusions). In extreme cases a student could be excluded for persistently failing to wear school uniform. It is our intention to explore all avenues, through consultation and discussion with parents/carers, to avoid this sanction being taken.

If a student arrives at school not wearing the correct uniform, school will endeavour to find the cause and remedy the situation. A letter will be sent home to parents (see Appendix A). Should the problem persist, parents/carers may be invited into school to discuss the situation.

9. Help with Cost

If any parent/carer cannot provide their student with school uniform because they cannot afford it, financial help may be available. School uniform may include clothes for PE. The parent/carer should initially talk to the Principal.

10. Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be placed in boxes in the Lost Property at the main school office. Students are encouraged to look in these boxes to reclaim lost property on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named.

11. Other Relevant Policies

Child Protection Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy, Behaviour for Learning Policy, Health and Safety Policy,

Appendix A:- Standard letter to parents/carers

Appendix B:- Standard letter to parents (PE)

Appendix A

Date:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Student Name: _____

I am writing to inform you that on several occasions, your son has failed to attend school in full uniform. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could ensure that he has the following uniform item/items as soon as possible:

I am sure you will appreciate the many advantages identified with wearing a school uniform as listed in our School Uniform Policy. As the school policy states:

“We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers”.

If there is a problem which prevents you from ensuring your son wears the correct full school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact your son’s Head of House / Y11 Progress Leader to discuss the situation. We aim to be of assistance in supporting you and your son in fulfilling our requirements.

Thank you for your support regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Pemberton
Vice Principal

Appendix B

Date:

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: _____

I am writing to inform you that on several occasions, your son has failed to bring his PE kit to a number of lessons. Despite being given several warnings the matter is still not resolved. Please ensure your son has a PE kit in school on the following days:

Pupils who are injured or are unwell are still required to bring in their full PE kit along with an explanatory note to excuse them from participating. This will enable them to assist in officiating, coaching and supporting others in the lesson. It will also ensure that your son fulfils the PE National curriculum expectations and means that your son will not get their uniform wet, dirty or possibly damaged, whilst helping out in the lesson. **On no account will your son be expected to participate in the practical element of the lesson.**

Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr R Linton
Leader of PE**