

School Uniform Policy

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Dear Parents

Uniform is an important part of our school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow pupils to feel pride in their school. It ensures that pupils are not put under any pressure because of the type of clothes they wear and all are treated equally. It also helps prepare pupils for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

Standards of uniform for some pupils have undoubtedly slipped in recent weeks and we all share a responsibility to ensure that our pupils get back on track for the reasons stated above.

Pupils were recently reminded in an assembly about the need to follow the school's rules and this includes the rules on acceptable school uniform. Full guidance, including the school's uniform policy is available on our website at <https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/policies/uniform/> (<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/policies/uniform/>)

In particular, I must draw your attention to the following:

Footwear – only plain black shoes that can be polished are acceptable (No trainers, boots, backless/stiletto shoes, plimsolls, sandals, canvas shoes or shoes that have any other colours, branding or marking on)

Jumpers – only the official green or grey V-neck sweatshirt with the school logo on are acceptable (No other cardigans, pullovers, sweatshirts (hooded or otherwise) or tracksuit top should be worn or brought into school)

Jewellery - A single earring in the lower lobe of each ear may be worn, i.e., a single pair of small studs or sleepers. No other piercings are acceptable. One neck chain with a religious symbol may be worn if out of sight (on receipt of a note from parents). No other jewellery should be worn to school, including friendship or charity bands. Fashion jewellery, including nail varnish and false nails, is not considered acceptable or appropriate for school

Hair - Pupils' hair colour and styles should not be extremes of fashion i.e. if coloured it should be natural colour and uniform in nature – no extreme haircuts, tramlines or markings are allowed

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Our expectations are clearly laid out in our uniform policy, which has not changed this year. Therefore it is our expectation that all pupils will be able to attend school in full uniform every day. To ensure this we will be conducting regular uniform checks over the next two weeks of this half term and parents will be contacted if their child's uniform falls below standard. Pupils who choose to ignore the clear rules about school uniform and return to school after the half-term break without full school uniform run the risk of sanctions. In the first instance pupils who do not adhere to the rules will be expected to attend an after-school detention. We will give parents 24 hours' notice and it will be the responsibility of parents to ensure that pupils are transported home at the end of any such detention. If a pupil continues to breach the uniform they could be sent home to correct their uniform. Further guidance on this is available at <https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform> (<https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform>) .

However, we would hope to avoid the need to use sanctions and would ask that parents contact their child's Head of House if they have any concerns that they will find it difficult to meet the uniform rules.

We look forward to your support in ensuring that all pupils rediscover their sense of pride in their appearance and are treated equally.

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