

It is the policy of the Education Committee to encourage pupils to wear an acceptable form of school dress as determined by Head Teachers, Parent Councils and parents.

In encouraging the wearing of school dress, account must be taken of any proposals to prevent any direct or indirect discrimination in relation to the 'protected characteristics' as outlined in the Equality Act (2010):

- o Age
- Disability
- o Gender reassignment
- Marriage and Civil Partnership
- Pregnancy and Maternity
- o Race
- Religion and Belief
- o Sex
- Sexual Orientation

Any proposal will be the subject of widespread consultation with parents and pupils.

Parents are asked to co-operate with the school in encouraging the wearing of the school uniform.

The uniform was agreed in consultation with parents, pupils, staff and the Parent Council. It incorporates a range of popular items of dress, e.g. sweatshirts.

Wearing school uniform contributes to a positive school ethos and helps avoid discrimination and reduces peer pressure to wear expensive designer clothing.

Gender identity and all forms of gender expression will not be discriminated against with regards to uniform. Items are therefore not categorised by gender. Pupils are free to wear whichever items of uniform they feel most comfortable in, as long as uniform standards are upheld.

## **Our School Uniform**

Black trousers or skirt (no shorts, leggings or denim material)

White school shirt with collar and school tie

Plain black socks or tights

Plain black cardigan, pullover or sweatshirt

Plain black shoes

Plain black jacket

Zipped, hooded, weatherproof jacket with school crest (optional)

In addition, S6 pupils are asked to wear a black school blazer with school badge and S6 school tie.

## PE Kit

Plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Plain white, short-sleeved T-shirt or polo shirt

White socks

## **School Clothing Grants**

If you are low on income or in receipt of certain benefits you may be eligible for a clothing grant.

A new combined <u>online application form</u> for free school meals, free nursery meals and school clothing grants was launched in July 2020.