



HOPE VIEW SCHOOL

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY 2024/2025

POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The wearing of school uniform at Hope View School is integral to its ethos of installing pride, discipline and high standards.

2. PRINCIPLES

Our school uniform and appearance policy are based on the principles that school uniform:

- * Promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- * Creates a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- * Supports positive behaviour and discipline.
- * Is practical and smart.
- * Identifies the pupils with the school.
- * Prevents pupils from coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition.
- * Makes the pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of pupils.
- * Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents.
- * Is designed with health and safety in mind.

3. EXPECTATIONS

School Uniform is compulsory for all pupils and must be worn correctly (see Appendix 1) on the way to and from school as well as during school hours. Whenever the school uniform is worn, it must be complete and not mixed with non-uniform clothing.

PROCEDURE

4. NON-COMPLIANCE

We expect all pupils to comply with this uniform policy, which will be monitored daily. Persistent offenders of non-compliance will be dealt with accordingly. They are also likely to have certain school privileges removed. Where a pupil is not adhering to the school uniform and appearance policy, staff will be considerate and discreetly try to establish why not. We understand there may be good reasons why a pupil is not attending school in the correct uniform. If a boy is not wearing the correct uniform because their parent/carer is in financial difficulties, the school will be sensitive to the needs of the boy. The school will give parents time to purchase the required items and/or consider whether a local authority clothing grant can be applied for.

Pupils should have a doctor's note if they need to wear alternative footwear for school, due to a medical condition or serious injury. The policy will meet the needs of individual students because of temporary or permanent medical conditions. For example, pupils with some skin conditions or sensory issues may be unable to wear specific fabrics, and students with foot or leg injuries may be unable to wear school shoes. An official medical



certificate will be required for any student requiring long-term dispensation due to medical conditions.

If there are serious reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

5. PARENTS/CARERS

We believe that parents & carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents & carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. If any parent/carer would like the school to modify the uniform policy they should make representation in the first instance to the Head teacher.

6. STAFF

All staff have a responsibility for ensuring that pupils wear correct uniform.

7. PURCHASING

The Hope View School uniform has been sourced for quality, practicality, performance and value, along with the need to make it smart, classic and understated. It is relevant to the age groups from year 3-13, with longevity in mind. Parents and carers can purchase uniform items from the school office. Uniform lists and order forms are issued with the school admission pack and can also be downloaded from the parents' page of the school website.

Review Date: September 2025

Responsible Person: Mrs C Lorne – Proprietor

Links with other Policies:

Rewards and Sanctions Policy

Behaviour and Discipline Policy

Equality and Diversity Policy



Uniform – Lower School

All Hope View pupils are expected to maintain a high standard of appearance by coming to school smartly dressed in their full school uniform and wearing it in the required style. **All items of uniform must be marked with the owner's name preferably using proper name tapes rather than just written in on a label.** Clothes should not portray any inappropriate logos or wording. If you have any doubts about what may be inappropriate, please contact the school.

Pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery of any sort to school, this includes earrings. **Ears should be pierced only at the beginning of a main holiday to allow time for healing so the earrings can be removed on return to school.** Hair styles and colour should be acceptable for a formal school situation. No visible tattoos are permitted at any time, including during PE lessons. When pupils are travelling to and from school, they are expected to conform to the uniform code.

SCHOOL UNIFORM including PE Kit

ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM MUST BE CONVENTIONAL AND FORMAL SCHOOL WEAR MUST NOT INCLUDE FASHION ITEMS.

POLO SHIRT	grey polo shirt with logo – available from school (also worn for PE lessons)
SWEATSHIRT	claret with gold school logo – available from school
TROUSERS	plain black; formal style designed for school wear. During warm months, plain black, formal style knee length school shorts designed for school wear are permitted.
SHOES	black with no large heel
JOGGING BOTTOMS	plain navy with no logos for PE
TRAINERS	black trainers
BELT	black – please note that this item is compulsory
SOCKS	black
OUTER COAT	navy blue or black
SCARF (optional)	navy blue or black

TO CLARIFY WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE UNIFORM, THE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE NOTED. THESE MAY CHANGE AS FASHIONS CHANGE.

TROUSERS - must be of a formal style suitable for school wear. They must not be fashion items designed for casual wear. A belt must be worn at all times.

SOCKS – all pupils must wear socks. Trainer socks are not part of the formal uniform and should not be worn

SHOES – must be sensible black shoes suitable for school. Shoes which are backless or have open toes are not allowed, nor are boots. Shoes should not be decorated in any way. Trainers must not be worn in place of shoes.

OUTER COAT – this should be a formal navy blue or black coat suitable for school wear. Sweatshirts, jumpers, hooded tops or similar items, which are clearly not intended to be worn as a coat are **not** permitted.

SCARF – football scarves or those depicting writings or logos are **not** allowed.

SCHOOL BAGS – black or navy (no pictures or large logos)

ACCEPTABLE HAIR STYLES – hair styles and colour should be acceptable for a formal school situation. Hair should not, for instance, have stripes cut into it, nor be in a Mohican style. Neither should hair be coloured other than a natural colour, nor in combinations of colours.

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BLAZER	plain black with breast pocket (available from most school uniform outfitters)
TIE	claret with gold stripe – available from school
SHIRT	plain white shirt
TROUSERS	plain black; formal style designed for school wear. During warm months, plain black, formal style knee length school shorts designed for school wear are permitted.
BELT	black – please note that this item is compulsory
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PE KIT

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SOCKS white ankle socks and/or black knee length socks

BAG suitable for carrying sportswear – not a carrier bag

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The school will provide one school tie and one school badge free of charge when a pupil joins the school.