

William Howard School Uniform Policy

At William Howard School we want our students to have pride in the school uniform as a valued member of our school community. We expect all students to arrive at school in the correct uniform, with the correct PE kit when required, to help foster that sense of identity and pride in the school. Our uniform is designed to:

- * To foster a sense of belonging.
- * To foster a sense of pride in being part of the school.
- * Equality – uniform brings everyone on to the same platform, no matter how rich or poor.
- * Reflects standards in the workplace.
- * Uniform is cost effective and practical.
- * To enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- * To re-enforce a positive work ethos.

The school expects high standards of personal appearance and that all students should wear school uniform to and from school, during the school day and when participating in school-organised events. We appreciate that young people may want to express themselves as they begin to develop their sense of identity, but in all cases, we expect unequivocal parental support in implementing this policy.

When accepting a place for your child at William Howard you are agreeing to support the school with this policy and that your child will wear the school uniform as required at all times. The elements of the Uniform Policy are not negotiable and the judgement of the school retains the right of final decision on the interpretation on any issue regarding this policy. Deviation from any part of these rules (e.g. on medical grounds) is only permissible with the written consent of the Headteacher.

In cases where students do not follow comply with the uniform policy they will receive sanctions while being supported to ensure that they are quickly able to meet the uniform requirements of the school. In extreme cases, in line with the DfE guidance, students may be sent home for not complying with the uniform policy.

School Uniform

- **WHS Blazer**
This must be worn throughout the school day except where permission has been given not to by a member of staff. There must be the appropriate House badge attached on the lapel.
- **Black school trousers**
Straight black trousers that are not tight to the leg. No black jeans or black canvas trousers of any type. The trousers must not have any rivets/studs in the pockets or have showy or decorative zips.
- **School skirt (optional)**
This can be purchased via the school uniform shop and is available in two different styles to offer choice.
- **Plain white shirt worn with a WHS tie**
Shirts/blouses should be 'proper' shirts with collars and cuffs. Shirts should be long enough to be tucked in. Fitted shirts for girls which will not tuck in are unacceptable. Short-sleeved shirts are permitted, rolled up sleeves are not. All shirts should have a top button and be fastened at the neck.

- **Plain black polishable footwear** (no coloured logos or coloured stitching, trim, soles etc.)
Girl's shoes must be black, flat or with broad heels and should be full shoes – not sandals or backless or of a trainer/canvas style. Boy's shoes must be black and not of a trainer or canvas style. **Trainers or canvas shoes are not acceptable.** Any request to wear trainers should be supported by medical evidence - a note from home does not suffice. No boots or trainers are to be worn around school and no stiletto heels are permitted.
- **Socks/Tights**
Plain black, white, grey or navy socks or plain neutral/black tights, other colours are not allowed. No patterned, striped or frill/ruffle top socks are allowed. Socks need to cover the ankle and overlap with the bottom of the trouser leg. No trainer liners.

Hair, Nails and make-up

- Excessive make-up is not acceptable. Any make-up (including nail varnish) must be subtle and practically imperceptible.
- False eye lashes are not allowed.
- Extreme hairstyles and colours such as shaven heads, Mohicans, tramlines and patterns are not allowed.
- Hair accessories should be subtle (e.g. for tying back long hair for health and safety reasons).
- Tattoos are illegal for children of school age and should not ever be visible.
- False nails and nail extensions are not permitted. Students with these will be required to have them removed.

Permitted Accessory items:

- Thin black belt
- 1 set of earrings/studs.
Any other piercings in areas such as tongues or eyebrows are not permitted and students will need to remove these. Nose studs or rings are not permitted. Any nasal piercings must have a blanking stud in or be covered while in school.
- 1 ring
- 1 watch
- Necklace/bracelet for religious or medical reasons

Items needed for PE:

Recommended for Boys	Recommended for Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unisex PE Polo • Shorts • Socks • Hoodie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Fit or Unisex PE Polo • Skort, Shorts or WHS Leggings • Socks • Hoodie

Suitable trainers must be worn for PE (this does not include: plimsolls or footwear that is worn as part of the school uniform) Expensive designer trainers or brand names are not necessary. No jewellery is permitted to be worn when in PE.

Many retailers have their own generic ranges of 'school uniform', please note that not all items contained within these ranges are compliant with this policy and therefore are not acceptable.

Second Hand Uniform

Many parents ask where they could donate any outgrown or no longer required items of WHS uniform or indeed purchase items that are pre-used.

The school has formed a link with Brampton charity shop - Cumbria Cerebral Palsy which is located at 40 Front Street, Brampton who are the second-hand outlet for WHS uniform. They are our designated 'outlet' for purchasing and donating second-hand items. They have asked that WHS uniform items only be dropped off at the shop on a **Friday** and that they are laundered and in sellable condition (no stains, tips or tears). Items will be available to purchase every day, however they may not be on display in the shop, please ask a member of staff for assistance and they will check the current stock.