



Dear Parent/Carer

Name: GUIDANCE ON SCHOOL UNIFORM

The majority of our students wear their uniform correctly and look extremely smart and ready for learning and I would thank you for your support in this matter. However, I feel that at this stage in the academic year it is important to write to clarify our expectations regarding school uniform as too much time is still being spent in conversation with students about missing items and items of uniform that are deemed inappropriate for school. This is taking time away from learning as it can delay the start of lessons.

In order that we can all work together, I have outlined, for parents/carers, our general uniform requirements as follows:-

- All students are required to wear a blazer and tie at all times. Ties can be purchased from the school office for £2.50. They should be worn with a small knot and 10 stripes showing with the top button of the shirt fastened.
- Footwear: Trainers/pumps/shoes which are **all black** are allowed and parent/carers are asked to ensure that trainers do not have logos/ticks/writing etc on them in different colours. If they do parents/carers will be asked to replace them with all black shoes. Boots (Uggs etc) are **not** allowed to be worn in school (unless exceptions are made by the Headteacher during heavy snowfall).
- The school skirt is **grey**, it must not be of a stretchy 'lycra' type material and should be worn 'on the knee.'
- If your daughter chooses to wear trousers they should be loose fitting with a straight leg and of appropriate material.
- A grey v neck jumper or cardigan can be worn underneath but not instead of the blazer. Black jumpers or cardigans are **not** allowed.
- PE Kit – this should be as described in school prospectus – check with PE Department if any issues.

Sanctions for not wearing correct uniform

Students who are not in full uniform will be seen by their Form Tutor or Pupil Progress Leader and asked to explain why he/she is not wearing full uniform.

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A continued infringement will likely result in contact with parent/carer and the student being sent home to dress correctly. If we are not able to contact you, your child will work in our Rehab Room until we do manage to make contact and discuss whether there is any difficulty in providing uniform.

School will support you where it can in making sure your child can wear full school uniform. If there are financial difficulties please contact your child's Pupil Progress Leader to discuss these discreetly.

If any parents/carers have any 'outgrown' Woodchurch High School uniform, in good condition, which can be recycled it will be gratefully received by school particularly in the current economic climate.

If a student persists in not wearing the school uniform and we have no information from you to suggest there is a difficulty in providing uniform or if there is a persistent refusal to comply we will treat this as a breach of the school's discipline policy and your child will be excluded from school.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that body/facial piercing is not allowed in school. This includes tongue piercing. Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of earrings only (one in each ear) – small studs or small hoops. Ear expanders, 'plugs' 'tunnels' and 'tusks' are strictly forbidden. Also no bracelets or rings are allowed for health and safety reasons.

Hair colour should be natural, i.e. not bright pink, blue, purple etc and we do not allow patterns or lines to be cut into hair. Any inappropriate hairstyles and colours will be expected to be resolved within an agreed time span and may result in your child working in our Rehabilitation Unit. Pupils should look prepared for a day at school, ready to work. Nail varnish is forbidden and if acrylic nails are worn they need to be of a 'natural' type.

Our school uniform requirements are typical of most secondary schools across the country and most items are available at various retail outlets thus giving you choice and different price ranges.

With this in mind I ask that home and school continue to give the same message to our young people by insisting that they wear this full uniform with a sense of pride.

We believe that smart students demonstrate a good work ethic that contributes to effective learning and self discipline and that this is an important aspect of our school ethos.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

R Phillips

Ms R Phillips
Headteacher