



COURT FIELDS SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

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Court Fields School expects a high standard of personal appearance from all students. Appropriate smart dress instils confidence and pride, demonstrating respect for the values that we uphold and preparing students for life in the workplace.

The school has a uniform policy with clear expectations, which ensures that students are fully focused on learning as opposed to fashion or trends. The policy also contributes to ensuring students' safety by making them clearly identifiable and distinct on their journey to and from the academy, onsite and on academy visits/trips.

If a student arrives at school in non-uniform clothing we will contact parents/carers and students may expect to be sent home to get changed or 'borrow' suitable uniform temporarily from the Hub. Staff should not be distracted from our main purpose of teaching and learning by having to deal with students who do not wear the correct school uniform.

All uniform is available from South West Schoolwear. This can be purchased online at www.swschoolwear.co.uk or at their shop in Taunton. Blazers, jumpers and ties are also available from www.trutextdirect.com – Court Fields page.

Our school uniform provides students with many positive advantages through:

- Ensuring a focus on learning
- Creating an atmosphere of unity
- Encouraging pride in personal appearance
- Providing a cost-effective set of clothing for school use.
- Promoting safety, particularly through making it easier to identify strangers
- Diminishing the social exclusion of students based on what they are wearing
- Increasing self-esteem and reducing peer pressure
- Ensuring that our students are seen as ambassadors for the school in the local community

UNIFORM

Students from Years 7 – 11 will be expected to wear:

- **Black blazer** with Court Fields School emblem. Year 11 only may wear a plain black knitted jumper (no logo other than school logo) instead of a blazer. This can be round or 'V' neck. Sweatshirts are not allowed.
- **White traditional shirt** - not a polo or sports shirt – (a plain, white T-shirt may be worn under the shirt). Shirts must be tucked in.
- **School clip-on tie in the appropriate house colour**
- **Black trousers**. No faded trousers, chinos, denim or denim look, jeans, joggers, jeggings or leggings should be worn. Black knee-length formal tailored shorts are permitted in the summer term.
- **Black skirt**. Knee length straight or pleated tailored skirt. Skirts of a jersey or stretchy material are not allowed.
- **Plain black socks or plain black tights**.
- **Black jumper with Court Fields School emblem** to be worn under the blazer (optional).
- **Black, plain belt**. This should have a standard buckle with no extreme designs (optional).
- **Plain black leather/leather-like shoes**. They must be practical and able to be polished. No material/canvas/suede shoes, Converse-style shoes, plimsolls, boots, or trainers. Please see our website for clear photo guidance.
- **A plain weather-proof outdoor coat**. Multi-coloured coats, denim coats or jackets, leather coats or jackets, coats with inappropriate badges or slogans, tracksuit tops, hoodies, zipped hoodies or sweatshirts are not to be worn. Students are encouraged to wear fluorescent clothing if cycling or walking to school.
- **Appropriate school bag** – of a size suitable for books/equipment and design appropriate for school (not handbags or mini cross-body bags).

Subject to reading the standards of behaviour and effort required as a cohort, Year 11 students are allowed to wear their Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies as one of their senior privileges as of February Half Term in Year 11.

It is recommended that all items should be clearly labelled with the student's name.

Jewellery – Students who have their ears pierced may wear one pair of small stud earrings only (this can be in the lobe or top of the ear). Bars, hoops, or earrings other than small studs are not allowed. Facial or body piercings including nose studs or plastic retainers are not allowed. Students may wear one discreet necklace, bracelet and one ring per hand. Jewellery of any sort must be removed during PE. Students are advised, if they wish to have a piercing, to do this at the start of the Summer Holiday, so that it may be removed for school or PE as required once term starts.

Make-up – Should be natural looking and appropriate to a school/work setting. No long or false nails are allowed. Nail varnish must be clear or of a pale, natural colour.

Hair – Should be well groomed and tidy. Beads in the hair are unacceptable. Hair dyed in unnatural colours is also unacceptable. Extremes of hairstyle, including shaved patterns are not permitted. Students must be reasonably clean-shaven.

No scarves/gloves/hats are to be worn inside the school buildings. Headwear required by a religion must be plain black.

We regularly review our school uniform to ensure that it is as cost-effective as possible, and we limit the compulsory 'branded' items that are required. Support may be available for families suffering financial hardship. Please contact your child's Head of Year if this is the case.

Please note that if a shop sells articles of clothing/trainers in its school section this may not mean that those items comply with our school uniform policy. If you have a question regarding uniform or your child is considering a change to their hairstyle or a piercing, please contact your child's Tutor/Head of Year for guidance.

Please do check with your child's Tutor or Head of Year if you have any questions before purchasing, to ensure that your child is following the uniform expectations. As staff, we work very hard to maintain positive relationships with all of our students. We know that they will learn best if they feel calm and safe. If teachers, Tutors or TAs have to spend time addressing missing equipment, or students who are not following our basic expectations of being ready to learn, it takes time away from teaching. This means that all the children in that class miss out on learning.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION KIT

- **Court Fields new-style sports top** - we encourage parents to choose to have this marked with their child's initials at time of purchase
- **Black shorts or black sports leggings** (black tracksuit bottoms are optional)
- **Royal blue football socks**
- **White sports socks**
- **Trainers** (these should be sports trainers, any shoes worn as 'school shoes' are not appropriate for PE)
- **Shin pads and football boots** are compulsory for hockey and football. Football socks must be worn with shin pads
- It is compulsory that students bring a well-fitting **mouth guard for rugby and hockey**. They will not be able to take part in these sports without this equipment

- **Court Fields PE Hoody, Rain Jackey or Half-Zip Sports Top** (optional)
- **Games Shirt** – in House colours. This is optional for all outdoor sports, especially in the Autumn, Winter and Spring, but compulsory when playing in Rugby fixtures. Students playing in fixtures will be advised beforehand if they need to purchase one a games shirt.

As with all uniform PE Kit should be clearly marked with the student's name.

PE is a legal part of students' education and PE kit is vital.

Any student not arriving in PE kit will have to borrow kit.

Students who have a note to excuse them from PE must still change into their kit to play a supporting role in the lesson (unless specifically agreed otherwise with the Head of PE). If they do not bring their kits, they will be asked to use the PE Department spare stock.

This is especially important in poor weather.

SANCTIONS

All students are expected to appropriately wear the full school uniform during their school day and when travelling to/from school.

Low level issues such as having an untucked shirt, sleeves rolled up or blazer/tie on person but not worn will receive a warning and the uniform should be immediately corrected – repeat offenders and all other uniform issues may receive one of the sanctions below depending upon the issue:

- S1 – including Tutor detention up to 15 minutes.
- S2 – including School detention of 30 minutes.
- S3 – including detention of 1 hour.

The student's Tutor will contact home to inform parents/carers of the issue and request it is resolved, this may involve the student going home to rectify the issue, if we have parental consent, or using items from the school uniform stock.

Items such as hoodies will be confiscated and only returned at the end of academy hours. Repeat confiscations will result in further action from the student's Head of Year.

Students who do not adhere to our uniform policy may be asked to return home to change, placed in internal exclusion, or otherwise sanctioned until such time as they conform accordingly. This is in line with advice to Headteachers, provided by the Department for Education.

VALUABLES

Court Fields School will not accept liability for any claim arising from theft, accidental loss or damage to personal effects, belongings or clothing whilst at the school. All personal items should be clearly marked with student's name.