



DIDSBURY
HIGH SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our policy that all students wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Our policy regarding school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the students with the school;
- is fair and makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and removes peer - -
- pressure to dress in 'designer' fashions;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents/carers;
- can assist identification of strangers on school premises;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform Requirements September 2025
<p><i>Black, blazer with Didsbury High School logo, these should be worn when outside of classrooms except when dispensation given for extreme weather</i></p> <p><i>White shirt, long or short sleeved, with pointed collar. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.</i></p> <p><i>School tie</i></p> <p><i>Plain v-neck black pullover</i></p> <p><i>Plain black shoes. Trainers and boots are not acceptable, nor is canvas footwear. Shoes should not have any brand logo visible.</i></p> <p><i>Black trousers or Didsbury High School tartan pleated skirt no shorter than 3 inches above the knee</i></p> <p><i>Trousers and shoes must be practical and formal, not fashion items. Trousers must be tailored; neither tight nor baggy; nor excessively flared; not denim or corduroy</i></p> <p><i>Black socks, black or neutral tights must be worn</i></p> <p><i>Hijabs must be plain black or plain white</i></p> <p><i>House T-shirt – will be purchased from the school during the school term</i></p>
PE Kit September 2025
<p><i>Black polo shirt – embroidered school crest</i></p> <p><i>Black shorts or skort</i></p> <p><i>Black sports socks or White ankle/trainer socks</i></p> <p><i>Training shoes – pumps/Vans/Converse footwear will not be allowed for PE lessons</i></p> <p><i>Plastic or rubber studded football boots</i></p> <p><i>Shin pads for football/hockey</i></p> <p><i>A mouth guard is recommended for hockey and rugby</i></p> <p><i>DHS games Jersey (optional)</i></p> <p><i>Black tracksuit bottoms (optional)</i></p> <p><i>Black fitness leggings (optional)</i></p>

Non-compliance with the School Uniform Policy

The enforcement of the decision to adopt a school uniform is the responsibility of the Head of School as part of their overall responsibility for the day-to-day running of the school and for the maintenance of discipline.

We have a 'zero tolerance' approach to incidents of non-compliance with our School Uniform Policy. In the event of any student arriving at school without the correct uniform:

School has a limited supply of spare items to lend to students, if available these items will be lent to the student for the day.

If items are not available to be lent, or the student chooses not to wear the spare items then the student will spend their break and lunchtime out of circulation in the HOY office. If this becomes a repeated issue then further sanctions may be issued.

If a student is wearing an item of clothing that is not part of the uniform policy in school, e.g. a coat, the student will be asked to remove it and it may be confiscated from them.

Jewellery

For reasons of health and safety we do not allow students to wear jewellery in our school. We are aware that there may be occasions when some students request to wear religious symbols. These will be considered on an individual basis.

Watches may be worn. Small studded earrings may be worn (one piercing per ear) and must be removed for PE lessons.

Medical alert tags must be worn at all times.

If students refuse to remove jewellery this will be treated as an act of defiance and an appropriate sanction will be issued.

Warm weather

In periods of warm weather, the Head of School will give students, and share with parents and carers, clear guidance regarding certain items of uniform not being necessary. This guidance will stipulate the garments that no longer required and the length of period that such dispensation exists.

Removal of items of uniform

Teachers can allow students to remove items of clothing for comfort within lessons. Full uniform should be worn when arriving to school, when leaving school and when moving around the building.

Accessories

Only badges of merit or office, awarded by the school, may be worn as part of the school uniform. We request that school bags, face coverings and belts are sensible and in keeping with the rest of the school uniform.

Footwear

We want students to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for students to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels. For reasons of health and safety we do not allow them to be worn in our school.

Neither do we allow students to wear trainers to school. Whilst appropriate for sport and leisurewear, this footwear is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all students to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

Hair

We recognise that there will always be a variety of hairstyles worn by students. Whilst remaining tolerant of most styles, we will treat as a breach of discipline haircuts where patterns, stripes or letters have been cut into the student's hair; or hair that is dyed in bright or unnatural colours. We may ask students with long hair to tie their hair back in certain situations for health and safety reasons. Hair accessories should be discrete and align to the with DHS uniform.

Make-up

Make up is not permitted in Years 7 to 9, discrete make up is allowed in Years 10 and 11. Acrylic nails are not allowed in school, neither is the wearing of nail varnish. Nails should be kept to a sensible length that will not affect participation in PE or practical subjects.

Uniform outside school

Every student must wear school uniform with a tie, for journeys to and from school, in school and for all official school functions. This will include home and away matches and all school trips unless a teacher gives specific instructions to the contrary. Trainers may be worn for casual games during lunch time. However, all students must wear correct shoes for lessons and journeys to and from school.

Discrimination on the grounds of race/religious belief

The school's governors have regard to their responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010. We have a duty to be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and must accommodate their needs.

The role of parents/carers

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that they have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. It is their responsibility to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

Current Trends

We reserve the right to respond to current trends

Non uniform days

Clothing must be suitable for a learning environment e.g. No cropped tops or excessively ripped jeans and no inappropriate logos.

Second Hand Uniform

Parents are able to donate any uniform, that is still in good condition, to school. This uniform will then be supplied to other families should they require it.

Responsibility for items brought to school

The school recommends that items of value, either financial or sentimental, are not brought into school. The school provides students with lockers that are capable of being secured to keep belongings safe. However, the school cannot accept any responsibility for items belonging to students brought into school and any loss or damage to these items.

Equality Impact Statement

Names and title of people involved with this assessment	Rachel Robinson Assistant Trust Director of Inclusion
Impact assessment carried out with regard to identified characteristics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious Belief <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender Reassignment
Summary of any issue/proposed changes	Page 5- Addition of line regarding further sanctions Page 6- Removal of line about short hair being a breach
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