



PRIESTNALL
SCHOOL

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.

Priestnall School Uniform

Uniform Requirements for Students from September 2026:

- Black blazer with badge
- Plain white poly-cotton blouse/shirt
- Plain black skirt with dropped waist and pleats, no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. If students choose to wear a skirt, they must wear at least 60 denier thickness black tights. Socks are not permitted over tights
- After May half term, students are not required to wear tights. Instead, students can wear plain white, black or grey socks. Socks should be a plain style without any frills or adornments
- Plain black tailored trousers, straight legged, (tight-fitting lycra trousers, leggings or flared trousers are not acceptable)
- Priestnall School tie
- Plain charcoal / dark grey V-necked knitted jumper (optional)
- Tights – plain black, at least 60 denier, opaque (patterned tights are not acceptable)
- Shoes must be fully black, full leather, fully polishable, with no bubbles in the soles. They must be in a flat sensible style; heels and boots are not permitted.

- Hijabs must be plain black or plain white
- House T-shirt (to be worn on House competition days). Available to purchase through the school directly after a student starts with us.
- **No** sweatshirts, “hoodies” or sports tops/jackets to be worn in school.
- A school bag must be brought to school

PE Kit from September 2026:

The PE uniform is black and white and embroidered with the school logo. Other branded sportswear is not acceptable. There is the option to wear plain black unbranded sportswear.

- Black polo shirt with school logo or plain black polo shirt
- Quarter zip training top
- Shorts or skort or leggings or tracksuit bottoms in black
- Black socks with Priestnall vertical letters or plain black knee length sport socks or white sports socks
- Astroturf trainers are compulsory. (The trainers **must** have a **pimpled** sole.) This type of footwear can be worn on all surfaces within the PE Department at Priestnall School.

We strongly advise wearing the following equipment, as they can greatly reduce the risk of injury when playing sports:

- Shin pads
- Gum shield

The above items are compulsory if you represent the school in football or rugby.

Jewellery

For reasons of health and safety we do not allow students to wear jewellery in our school. Jewellery will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day; however, if this happens on a repeated basis, we will ask parents/carers to collect it from 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, but Smartwatches should only be used to tell the time and must have all other functions disabled.

Medical alert tags must be worn at all times.

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 and belts are sensible and in keeping with the rest of the school uniform.

Coats do not form part of our school uniform but in the winter months students can wear a suitable waterproof coat outside – no other additional items should be brought to school including gilets and hoodies.

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. Shoes must be fully black, full leather, fully polishable, with no bubbles in the soles.



Hair

We recognise that there will always be a variety of hairstyles worn by students. Whilst remaining tolerant of most styles, hair colour and style must be appropriate for school. We do not permit haircuts that are excessively short; 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.

Make up

Make up is not permitted in Years 7 to 9, discreet 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. Eyelash enhancements and fake tan are not permitted in school.

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.

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 non-negotiable approach to incidents of non-compliance with our School Uniform Policy. In the event of any student arriving at school without the correct uniform:

A **C3 Uniform sanction** will be issued by staff when a student is unable to correct a uniform issue whilst in school. This includes, but is not limited to:

- wearing incorrect footwear
- not coming to school wearing a tie or blazer
- wearing incorrect trousers
- not wearing tights with a skirt
- having inappropriate nails

The sanction is intended to ensure consistent standards of appearance across the school and to support students in meeting the school's uniform expectations. A **30-minute detention** will be issued the next school day after school.

A **Uniform C3** will also be issued for any **repeated uniform infringement**. For example, if a student is reminded to put their tie on and is later seen without it, or if a student continues to be reminded throughout the day to tuck their shirt in. A **30-minute detention** will be issued the next school day after school. For more serious uniform infringements, students may not be permitted social time at break and lunchtime.

We will seek consent from the parents/carers to send the student home to address the issue. The student should then return to school wearing the correct uniform.

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, i.e. No cropped tops or excessively ripped jeans and no inappropriate logos.

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	☒ Race ☒ Disability ☒ Sex ☒ Age ☒ Religious Belief ☒ Sexual Orientation ☒ Gender Reassignment
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