



# School Uniform Policy

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The purpose of this policy is to provide staff, students, parents/ carers and all other stakeholders with a clear understanding of the approach the school takes to ensure our school uniform promotes the ethos of the school. Our school uniform enables us to promote a sense of identity, to avoid divisiveness and help create and foster in every student a sense of personal pride and pride in the school.

## **Our school aims:**

We want our young people to:

- Strive for excellence wherever and however they can
- Develop their values and learn to live by them
- Participate actively

## **We shall:**

- Strive for excellence
- Create a hardworking and caring, safe and stimulating community
- Work in partnership with our parents and carers and local, national and international organisations to enrich our outcomes

## **In this policy we aim to outline how we will:**

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform so that it promotes the ethos of the school and sets an appropriate tone for education.

The following uniform policy has been devised with due consideration of the statutory guidance from the Department for Education which can be found [here](#).

## **Prudhoe Community High School Uniform**

We will make sure our uniform is available at a reasonable cost and provides the best value for money for parents/carers.

Specialist items such as blazers, the new school skirt and school ties can be purchased from our uniform supplier [Salto UK Ltd](#). The remainder of the uniform can be purchased from most high street stores and supermarkets.

If families are struggling with acquiring uniform or the costs please get in touch via [enquiries@pchs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@pchs.org.uk) and we can offer support.

## **Compulsory**

- Grey school blazer with embroidered logo
- School tie
- Grey checked school skirt (purchased from Salto). This should be no shorter than just above the knee and should be only the grey checked skirts available from Salto. No other skirts should be worn.  
or
- Plain black trousers School trousers should be plain black tailored school trousers. Trousers that are 'skinny fit', tight or short length are not permitted.
- Plain white school shirt
- Plain black socks / tights
- School shoes must be plain black school shoes made of a polishable material. We do not permit high boots, ankle boots, (e.g. Uggs, Doc Martens) high visibility buckles/bows/coloured laces or tags etc. Trainers or canvas shoes are not permitted. More information and examples can be found on the school website [www.pchs.org.uk](http://www.pchs.org.uk).

## **Please also note**

- Jewellery is not allowed. Any piercing where a retainer is required is not allowed. Any student wearing jewellery will be asked to remove and place in their school bag. If a student does not comply with this request a sanction will be given. Please see the school [behaviour policy](#) for further guidance on sanctions.
- Hairstyles must be sensible and suitable for school and learning.
- Makeup should be natural in its appearance.
- Acrylic nail extensions / eyelash extensions are not allowed in school and students will be asked to remove them. If students do not comply they will be placed in isolation.
- Outdoor wear - No outdoor wear, such as coats, hats, scarves must be worn in the building and no baseball caps to be worn on the school site
- Students should only wear the grey school jumper - hoodies and other alternative jumpers are not permitted.

## **Sixth Form Dress Code**

Although there is no uniform in the Sixth Form, students are expected to be appropriately dressed for lessons. Facial piercing, tracksuit bottoms, camouflage trousers and sports tops are not permitted. Further guidance can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus. The Sixth Form are expected to be smart and follow similar patterns to staff dress, i.e. dress standards acceptable in business and work environments. Lanyards are required every day and must be worn visibly.

## **PE Kit**

### **Boys PE Kit**

#### **Compulsory**

- Navy / sky rugby shirt
- Navy / sky shorts
- Navy / sky knee length football socks

#### **Optional**

- Plain navy or black track pants
- Navy/sky hooded top
- Navy/sky polo shirt

## **Girls PE Kit**

### **Compulsory**

- Navy / sky polo shirt
- Navy / sky hooded top
- Navy/sky shorts or Navy/sky skirt
- Navy/sky socks

### **Optional**

- Plain navy/black track pants
- Plain navy/black running leggings

## **Compulsory (for boys and girls)**

- Indoor training shoes with laces suitable for the new sports hall
- Boots (no metal studs or blades) or Astro trainers suitable for 4G football, hockey and rugby
- Shin pads for hockey and football
- Gum shield for hockey/rugby

## **Expectations of Parents**

- Parents must support their child by ensuring they have the correct uniform available to them and by not purchasing incorrect styles. Please contact us in advance of purchase if you are unsure and we will confirm.
- Please do not allow your child to bring any non uniform items such as hoodies etc into school.
- Similarly, please do not allow your child to colour their hair or get acrylic nails as they are not permitted and this creates conflict.

Please contact school immediately if your child is not in full uniform and advise them to present to pastoral by 8.30am so that we can ensure they are dressed appropriately for the day ahead.

## **Maintaining Uniform Standards**

- If a student arrives at school in the incorrect uniform, they must report to pastoral before 8.30am to borrow appropriate uniform.
- If there is no uniform to borrow then the student will be given one day's grace. After this time, or where there is no parental explanation, students will then work in isolation until rectified.
- A doctor's note must be provided where, for medical reasons, students cannot wear school shoes
- Lockers are available for students to store coats during the school day

## **Second Hand Uniform Provision**

We encourage all students and parents to donate any unwanted uniform that remains in good condition. This can be taken directly to pastoral or to the main reception.

**For all uniform we reserve the right to determine suitability for school**

Action	By whom	By when
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