

MJC/jr
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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: **Uniform 2023/24**

Many of you will be starting to think about the purchase of uniform for the next academic year. As always we want to get the new school year off to a flying start and so getting uniform and equipment right allows this to happen.

There are many reasons why uniform is important:

- Identity- we all represent Wildern and should do so proudly, the uniform brings a sense of cohesion and community.
- It means we don't have to think about what we need to wear each day (we are in uniform 52% of the year!)
- It brings a sense of professionalism, preparing our students for the outside world where many job roles require uniform or a sense of professional dress.
- It means parents do not have to spend on many different outfits for school and there is less pressure to buy branded clothing.

Here is what we have been communicating with students over the last week with regards to the uniform for next year. There are a few tweaks, please see the information below.

Jumper:

Bottle Green V Neck Jumper with the School Logo.

School jumpers should be brought to school every day. Hooded jumpers (hoodies), hooded zip up tracksuit tops or cardigans are not permitted in school at all. Any other type of jumper is not permitted.

Trousers:

Full length plain black trousers that are not rolled up. The trousers must be identifiable as trousers, with a fastening at the waistband for example a zip or button.

Leggings/Jeggings/Jeans/Tracksuit bottoms must not be worn in any circumstance as uniform.

Skirt:

Tartan skirt in the Wildern colours available from SkoolKit. Skirts should not be rolled up at the waist and should be worn between mid-thigh and the knee.

Shirts:

A plain white shirt must be worn and tucked in at all times. The shirt must have a top button that is done up at all times. The shirt can be short or long sleeved. Branded short sleeve shirts may

still be worn with a school tie. (These are no longer available to purchase from Skoolkit).

School tie:

This is clip-on and available from Skoolkit or the school finance office. These must be worn at all times.

Socks/Tights:

Socks can be plain white, grey or black. Tights must be plain black. Socks must not be worn over the top of tights or trousers and must be worn below the knee.

Shoes: (Footwear that meets the criteria below is permissible)

- Completely black (including branding/laces/soles)
- Leather/faux leather
- Polishable
- No heels or boots
- Shoes should have a closed toe

Nails:

Nail extensions are not allowed due to health and safety.

Hair:

Students with long hair should always carry hairbands. Long hair should be tied back for all subjects where practical activities take place. This includes Science/Technology/Art/Drama/Dance and PE.

Jewellery:

Any items of jewellery brought into school are the sole responsibility of the student. We do not recommend that jewellery is brought into school as any items worn would need to be removed for practical activities for health and safety reasons.

Should students choose to wear jewellery the following is allowed:

- Plain stud earrings (no hoops or drop earrings due to health and safety)
- Rings may be worn
- Clear retainers must be worn in facial piercings (these must be removed for practical activities)
- Bracelets may be worn
- Necklaces may be worn but must not be visible

Coats:

Coats must not be worn instead of a school jumper. Coats should be suitable for all weather conditions and be identifiable as a coat. Fleece hooded tops/ tracksuit tops/zip up hoodies/denim/leather jackets are not coats suitable for school. Coats that will help visibility in the dark would be advisable.

Hats/Gloves:

In cold weather, hats and gloves are advisable (not caps or bucket hats).

Extreme weather uniform adaptations:

In extreme weather conditions adaptations to the uniform will be made at the discretion of the school. This may include:

- Removal of school tie
- Students wearing their PE kit to school
- School jumpers can remain at home
- Summer hats may be worn
- Additional layers of clothing to be worn under uniform (base layers)

We have a range of good condition pre-loved uniform that we can supply to students and parents for donations. We will be operating this from our pre loved shop at the top of the school site from September. If for any reason uniform is a challenge, please do get in touch with your child's tutor, and we can find a way to support.

Yours faithfully

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