

Sandbach High School & Sixth Form College

Uniform Policy

Our uniform policy and dress codes have been drawn up in consultation with students, parents, carers, staff and all members of the local community.

Aims

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of, and from, all students. Through our uniform policy and dress codes we aim to:

- promote a sense of belonging to our school;
- encourage pride in the school;
- encourage a sense of equality and cohesion;
- protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- ensure that students of different social, religious and ethnic groups feel welcome;
- support teaching and learning;
- provide a safe and secure environment in which students learn how to dress appropriately.

In these ways, the uniform and dress codes support the overall aims of the school.

Compulsory Items

French navy fitted blazer with school logo on upper left hand side
Bedford check kilt*
Tie – clip on in school colours

Only available from school or the official uniform supplier. Substitute items are not allowed.

Plain white shirt with collar – which must be tucked in
Plain black tights or black **knee high** socks
Plain black shoes suitable for school. These should be flat, sensible and secure.

The skirt is to be purchased at the correct length which is on the knee or slightly below allowing for two centimetres growth. Any skirt which is more than two centimetres from the top of the knee will need to be replaced as it will **be deemed to not be of the correct length.*

Optional Items

Charcoal grey trousers with school logo on waistband – only available from school or official uniform supplier
Dark Charcoal grey v-neck jumper – available from a variety of retailers (cardigans are not permitted) - this must not be tucked into the skirt.
Kilt pin – only available from school.
Blue ankle socks

Can only be worn from May Half term through to the end of the summer term. Only available from school or the official uniform supplier. Substitute items are not allowed.

PE Kit – Compulsory items

PE top – French navy with school logo
PE Leggings – French navy with school logo

Only available from school.

PE Kit – optional items

PE shorts – French navy with school logo
PE skirt – French navy with school logo
PE zip up top – French navy with school logo

Substitute items are not allowed.

DO NOT WEAR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE APPROVED UNIFORM LIST, FOR EXAMPLE:
A very short or tight skirt.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A visible tee-shirt • An exposed midriff
Patterned tights, coloured/ patterned socks, trainer socks.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Slipper -style' shoes or shoes with the backs crushed so that they slip on and off (these styles are unsafe for school wear) • Boots, high-heels, stilettos • Trainers/sports/canvas shoes • Other casual styles
Coloured belts, belts with embellishments, or wide belts.
Anything in sweatshirt style material, anything with a hood, zips, buttons or cardigans (not even under your blazer on the way to and from school.)
No accessories to the school uniform are allowed. These include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large hoop earrings or diamante earrings • Facial piercings of any description, including tongue piercings • Rings • Beads, bracelets, strings etc. • Necklaces, chokers
Any other lapel decoration that is not a school badge
Nail varnish or acrylic/gel nails.
Make-Up/Fake tan
Any form of extreme haircut or dip dyed hair. Hair must be of a natural colouring.

School Bag

Students should come to school with an appropriately sized bag for carrying books and equipment. It should hold A4 files and books comfortably and be large enough to carry exercise books, planner, water bottle, pencil case, calculator and other equipment as needed. A rucksack style is recommended. Handbag style 'fashion bags' are not suitable.

Hair

Hair should be neat and tidy. Long hair must be tied back for practical subjects including Art, PE, Technology and Science. Any extreme fashion which may from time to time become popular (for example undercuts or part/full shaved heads) should be reserved for outside school and should not be worn for school. Hair must be of a natural colour and it is not to be dip dyed. If you are unsure about the suitability of any hairstyle or other aspect of your daughter's appearance, please contact the school beforehand.

Coat

In cold/wet weather students are encouraged to travel to and from school in appropriate outdoor clothing, for example a waterproof coat, hat, scarf, gloves. Once in school these items should be stored in a locker. It is not acceptable to carry a coat around our school. Hooded jackets/jumpers of any description are not allowed and should not be worn alongside our uniform.

Jewellery

Students are allowed to wear one small stud earring or one small pair of hoop earrings (no bigger than a 5p piece) in each ear lobe. They can also wear a wrist watch.

The Role of Parents/Carers

The vast majority of our parents/carers fully support all aspects of our uniform policy. It is part of the 'agreement' that we enter into when your child joins our school.

We ask that parents/carers are especially vigilant about:

- piercings;
- jewellery;
- school bags;
- school shoes;
- make-up/fake tan/nail extensions;
- hairstyle.

Young people will often try to push the boundaries in these areas. If you are in any doubt about whether an item is acceptable **PLEASE CONSULT THE SCHOOL before** you purchase and ensure you receive a definitive answer from the Deputy Headteacher.

The Headteacher reserves the right to make a final and binding decision on any items in this policy (including hairstyles).