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Uniform Policy 2008-2009



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UNIFORM POLICY

General

The uniform and the manner in which it is worn is a reflection on the school and its standards. All students are responsible for ensuring that they present themselves neatly, adhering to the requirements of the uniform code. Uniform should be worn on the way to and from school, throughout the day and on school journeys (unless otherwise instructed).

Warlingham School has a uniform because:

- It identifies students as belonging to the school and helps in the creation of a school community; the wearing of school uniforms emphasises membership and group identity, fostering a community spirit.
- As a business and enterprise school, uniform should reflect a smart and business-like image.
- It provides a framework for young people who need to learn that different dress codes are required for different circumstances and prepares many for a work environment where formal dress is required.
- It avoids the excesses of competition in fashionable/designer label clothes which many families cannot afford.
- The wearing of school uniforms helps students to realise that a person's unique gifts and personality traits go deeper than their apparel and aren't diminished by uniform dress.
- It is perceived positively by prospective parents and visitors – a no uniform policy would detract from the school's image.
- Wearing of school uniforms prevents the formation of dress-identified cliques

It is expected that parents support the school uniform policy and are urged to telephone the school if there is any query. All uniform items should be clearly marked with the student's name.

Girls' Winter School Uniform

- Navy blue blazer with school badge (available from Hewitts).
- Plain, navy blue v-necked pullover with school badge*.
- Navy blue 1 pleat skirt (available from Hewitts in 18/22 inch length).
- SKIRT LENGTHS MUST BE NO MORE THAN 15CM ABOVE THE KNEE WHEN KNEELING. NO OTHER SKIRTS SHOULD BE WORN.
- Navy blue, "Banner" trousers with a waistband are an acceptable alternative to the skirt. These are available for purchase from Hewitts in three styles.
- Plain white reverse collared blouse
- Sensible low-heeled shoes in black (maximum 3 cm inner edge of heel). See appendix for further guidance on types of shoes allowed or not allowed.
- Navy or black socks or neutral coloured or black opaque tights.

School Pullover * sizes 32" to 48"	£15.00
School Tie *	£4.00
Summer Polo Shirts *	£9.00

We also keep a small stock of girls' skirts in school for purchase if required in "emergencies".

Dick Townley Sports, Sanderstead stock the school PE kit with the exception of tracksuits, which need to be plain navy blue in colour without logos.

Appendix: Uniform Guidance September 2008

All students are expected to comply fully with the school uniform policy. Any exceptions to this will be dealt with using the sanctions listed in the uniform policy. To clarify matters, listed below are items of uniform or dress which do not fulfil the uniform policy requirements and are therefore deemed to be unsuitable for school :-

Clothing :-

- Skirts of any other design than the 1 pleat school skirt supplied by Hewitts (SSK190 – A-line with inverted pleat)
- Skirts which are shorter than 15cm above the knee when kneeling.
- Girls trousers which are lycra/"clingy" or with metal trimmings e.g. belts
- Tights and socks worn at the same time
- Patterned tights or socks
- Long socks (above ankle)
- Legwarmers
- Hooded Tops or sweatshirts (other than when worn in PE lessons)
- Coloured T shirts worn under the school shirt/blouse/polo shirt
- Scarves/hats

Shoes :-

- Shoes with an inner edge heel greater than 3cm.
- Trainer style shoes
- Canvas shoes
- Trainers
- Boots of any style whatsoever
- Shoes with coloured or metal tabs
- Shoes with coloured shoe laces

A T-shirt is not an acceptable alternative to the polo shirt. Bermuda shorts are not allowed. **In PE lessons, boxer shorts are unsuitable** as boys' underwear – ordinary briefs or swimming trunks must be worn. Grey or any other colour jogging trousers or tracksuit are not to be worn.

Note: Other items of clothing are available for purchase from the PE Department, e.g. Rugby Splash top, navy fleece, gym, dance and trampoline club tops, GCSE A Level, and BTec polo shirts.

Showers

When the showering facilities allow it, it will be compulsory for Key Stage 3 pupils to shower after every PE lesson. Swimming trunks or ordinary briefs may be worn in the shower but a clean, dry pair will be needed to change into. It is recommended to bring shower gel or soap. Showers for Years 10 and 11 are optional and will depend on the PE activity undertaken.

General

If a child is excused from PE, a note from parents is essential; this must be presented to the PE teacher at the start of the lesson.

If a child is excused from swimming, the standard PE kit should be brought to school.

If the PE kit is lost/mislaid, other sports clothing must be brought to school with a note from parents.

If a child does not have rugby or football boots the full outdoor kit must still be brought to the lesson.

Students bring valuables to school at their own risk. Valuables can be handed in, but only in a named envelope or security bag. The PE staff cannot be held responsible for their safe keeping.

The school detention system will be enforced in you fail to observe any of the above rules.

Stockists

Hewitts of Croydon stock the school blazer and girls' skirts and trousers.)

School Blazer (badged Viscount)

28" to 48" £29.00 - £40.00

Girls' Skirts (style number: SSK190 – A-line with inverted pleat)

22" to 38" £13.50 – 16.00

Girls' Trousers (Banner) – style 3832/3831/3824

22" to 38" from £12.00

Boys Trousers (Charcoal grey)

From £9.00

The following items (marked with *) are available for purchase from **Pupil Services**.

The school blazer and pullover are compulsory and must be worn at all times during the winter. (Autumn and Spring Terms). If trousers are worn instead of the skirt, these must be of the styles designated. Other styles are not acceptable. The shirt must be without motif.

Girls' Summer School Uniform

- Navy blue blazer with school badge (available from Hewitts).
- Navy blue 1 pleat skirt (available from Hewitts in 18/22 inch length).
- SKIRT LENGTHS MUST BE NO MORE THAN 15CM ABOVE THE KNEE WHEN KNEELING. NO OTHER SKIRTS SHOULD BE WORN.
- Navy blue, "Banner" trousers with a waistband are an acceptable alternative to the skirt. These are available for purchase from Hewitts in three styles.
- Summer "House" Polo Shirt*
- Sensible low-heeled shoes in black (maximum 3 cm inner edge of heel). See appendix for further guidance on types of shoes.
- Navy or black socks or neutral coloured or black opaque tights.

Boys' Winter School Uniform

- Navy blue blazer with school badge (available from Hewitts).
- Plain, navy blue v-necked pullover with school badge*.
- Plain, dark grey or charcoal school trousers.
- Plain white shirt with collar.
- Clip on School tie*.
- Sensible black shoes. See appendix for further guidance on types of shoe.
- Navy or black socks

The school blazer and pullover are compulsory and must be worn at all times during the Winter (Autumn and Spring Terms). The shirt should be without motif and worn tucked inside the trousers.

Boys' Summer School Uniform

- Navy blue blazer with school badge (available from Hewitts).
- Plain, dark grey or charcoal school trousers.
- Summer "House" Polo Shirt*
- Sensible black shoes. See appendix for further guidance on types of shoe.
- Navy or black socks

Outdoor Wear

- The school blazer must be worn on the way to and from school. If an overcoat is needed in cold weather, then this must be a plain navy or black outdoor jacket or coat. Coats and hats must not be worn inside the school buildings. Hoodies and sweatshirts are not allowed.

Neither sweatshirts, hoodies nor trainers should be worn in school or on the way to or from school.

Religious Dress

The school is aware of its obligation to promote equality of opportunity for all pupils regardless of race/creed. As such we are willing to discuss with individuals the wearing of specific items of religious dress, as long as it does not contravene health and safety rules, nor is contrary to the school uniform community ethos. For example for religious/modesty reasons, a girl may wish to consider wearing a head covering in the school colour.

Jewellery

A flat, plain signet ring and one pair of small, plain stud or sleeper size earrings and a watch are the only items allowed. Jewellery must be removed for PE activities and is brought into school **entirely at the student's own risk**.

Nose studs and all other types of visible piercing are not allowed.

Students will be required to remove any items of jewellery which contravenes this code; they will be confiscated and placed in the school safe until parents collect them from school.

Make Up

Make up of any description is discouraged. **Students will be required to remove any excessive make up.**

Hair

It is expected that hair colour will be restricted to that found in natural hair. Long hair must be tied back for certain workshop/drama/laboratory/PE activities. Extremes of fashion in hairstyles are not suitable for school.

Very short (number 1 or 2) cut or shaven hair is not acceptable in school. Students must not have motifs etc. shaven into their hair.

Sanctions for Breach of Uniform Code

In the first instance, parents will be contacted by phone or by letter to notify them of the breach in uniform regulations and students will normally be withdrawn from lessons for the day unless appropriate uniform items can be loaned by the school.

Privileges will be withdrawn, e.g. loss of lunch pass to Hamsey Green for Year 11 students.

Excessive jewellery will be confiscated and placed in an envelope in the school safe until collected by a parent.

Students will be provided with make up remover or a facial wipe in order to remove excessive make up.

Persistent offenders, and other students in extreme cases, will be sent home to change if they arrive at school in clothes which contravene the School Uniform Code. Parents

will be contacted to collect their child or to give permission for the child to go home in these circumstances.

Where parental permission cannot be obtained, students will work in isolation and parents will be contacted by phone or letter – students will remain in isolation until a satisfactory solution is reached.

Breaches occurring beyond the sanctions above will be dealt with in accordance with the existing school disciplinary procedures involving the Headteacher.

Care of Personal Belongings

Students must take care of all items of clothing, shoes and valuables. All uniform, including footwear and towels must be clearly named. All belongings should be kept in a locker and not left unattended except where directed by a teacher. The school insurance does not cover loss of personal property and will not pay for replacement of lost items. Parents are advised to have personal belongings covered by their home insurance policy.

Girls' PE Uniform

- White polo shirt with embroidered school name
- Plain royal blue shorts – longer length with tie cord for gym, fitness and athletics
- Plain royal blue skirt (straight Lycra games skirt with pants attached)
- White trainers
- Swimming costume (not bikini) or two piece
- Towel
- Shin pads for hockey (for protection) + mouth guard
- Navy blue sweatshirt
- Navy blue jogging trousers or navy/black tracksuit trousers

A T-shirt is not an acceptable alternative to the polo shirt.

Boys' PE Uniform

- White polo shirt with embroidered school name
- White shorts
- Short white socks
- White trainers
- Black shorts
- Royal blue rugby shirt
- Royal blue knee-length socks
- Football or rugby boots
- Swimming trunks or swimming shorts
- Towel
- Shin pads (for protection) + mouth guard
- Navy blue sweatshirt
- Navy blue jogging trousers or navy/black tracksuit trousers