



8th June 2021

Dear Parent and Carers

School Uniform Reminder:

I am writing to you today to remind parents and carers of our uniform expectations. The wearing of school uniform is an important aspect of school life. It also prepares students for a work environment where formal dress is required. The uniform, and the way it is worn is a reflection on the school and its standards. It prevents the excesses of competition in fashionable/designer label clothes and the formation of dress-identified cliques. We want to continue to maintain our high standards and we appreciate your support in ensuring your child adheres to our uniform policy in full.

Current Issues which require Parental support:

An increasing issue is the number of girls who are arriving at school with additional ear and nose piercings and long, painted fake nails, which not only contravene the school policy, but are dangerous in lessons such as PE. A side effect of this is the unnecessary confrontation this leads to when the students are asked to follow the school rules and remove the items. **Students will be required to remove any items of jewellery which contravenes this code; they will be confiscated until parents collect them from school. Refusal to do this means students will be withdrawn from the normal school day until the rule is being respected.** We would rather not have to go down this route, but we feel the rules need to be reinforced and respected. **We are sending this communication as some families have said it is unfair that some students follow the uniform rules and others appear not to. We agree entirely that the uniform policy applies to each student equally and are therefore reinforcing this expectation.** A reminder of the school rules are below. These are not new rules but have been in place since the start of the school year:

Jewellery

Jewellery of any description is not encouraged and is not practical for many reasons. A flat, plain ring and one pair of small, plain stud or sleeper size earrings and a watch are the only items allowed. All 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 piercing are not permitted.**

Make Up

Make up of any description is discouraged. Students will be required to remove any excessive make up. Nail varnish is not allowed. False nails are not allowed.

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 and students must not have motifs etcetera shaven into their hair.

A secondary issue is the number of students now wearing expensive trainers to school instead of school shoes. Occasionally there are medical reasons (which should be supported by a note) or school shoes which are damaged and awaiting replacement, which we understand. We would like to remind all students that school shoes should be worn to school and not trainers. **Students without school shoes will be withdrawn from normal lessons until the issue is resolved.**

Shoes

BLACK TRAINERS or **TRAINER STYLE SHOES** are not allowed under any circumstances. Sports or fashion trainers should not be a substitute for school shoes.

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Summer Uniform reminder:

During the Summer Term jumpers will be optional. **Blazers and school ties should be worn.** During particularly hot spells of weather, we will have “no blazer days”. We will communicate this as and when it is required.

Uniform Expectations:

Girls' School Uniform

- Navy blue blazer with school badge (available from Hewitts)
 - Plain, navy blue v-necked pullover with school badge (in House colours – available from Hewitts)
 - Navy blue A Line skirt with inverted pleat; available from Hewitts in 18/22 inch length
- SKIRT LENGTHS MUST BE NO MORE THAN 15CM ABOVE THE KNEE. 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
 - Plain white revere collared blouse
 - Plain black sensible leather shoes (no logo), maximum 3cm inner edge of heel, no boots, no canvas shoes, no trainer style shoes.
 - Navy or black socks or neutral coloured or plain tights (not patterned) – both socks and tights should not be worn together.
 - Socks should not be worn above the knee.

Boys' School Uniform

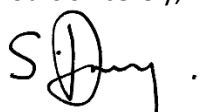
- Navy blue blazer with school badge (available from Hewitts)
- Plain, navy blue v-necked pullover with school badge (in House colours)
- Plain, dark grey or charcoal school trousers
- Plain white shirt with collar
- Clip on School tie (in House colour) (available from the school)
- Plain black sensible leather shoes (no logo), maximum 3cm inner edge of heel, no boots, no canvas shoes, no trainer style shoes
- Navy or black socks

Uniform Donations and Pre-loved Items for Sale

We are always looking for donations for school uniform. Student Services sell pre-loved uniform at a reduced cost. This service is hugely popular and valued by many families. All items of clothing are accepted if they are in good order. We would be very grateful for your donations which will be processed and washed in accordance with COVID protocols. Uniform donations should be handed in to Student Services, preferably by students. All proceeds from the sales are used to fund additional resources for our highly regarded Bridge facility within school.

We very much appreciate your co-operation in ensuring all students arrive suitably dressed and in a way that helps them to concentrate on their learning. If you are experiencing any difficulties in obtaining an article of uniform, or there is a financial issue, please contact Student Services on the following email address studentservices@warlinghamschool.co.uk. A uniform card can be issued and collected in the morning. Parental support on these issues makes an enormous difference and we would gratefully appreciate your support in ensuring your child is dressed correctly for school each day according to the rules laid out in this letter. Thank you for help with this issue.

Yours sincerely,



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