



School Uniform Policy

Rationale

It is our school policy that students wear school uniforms when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event. Teachers, parents and all stakeholders of Kensington School expect the students to be neatly and appropriately dressed.

Aims

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform guidelines

The School expects students to wear the correct uniform at all times and expects teachers to challenge students if this is not the case. This uniform consists of:

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- Regulation navy blue jumper, cardigan or vest with school badge
- Regulation long/short sleeved shirt with school badge
- Plain grey skirt, trousers or shorts. These must be appropriate for school use. I.e. Tailored and no pinstripes or jeans
- Plain grey socks or tights
- Black shoes

Junior School

- Regulation navy blue jumper, cardigan or vest with school badge
- Regulation long/short sleeved shirt with school badge
- Plain grey skirt, trousers or shorts. These must be appropriate for school use. I.e.



- Tailored and no pinstripes or jeans
- Plain grey socks or tights
 - Black shoes

From the start of Term 3 to the October Half-term, the regulation summer dress may be worn.

Senior School

- Regulation navy blue jumper, cardigan or vest with school badge
- Regulation long/short sleeved shirt with school badge
- Plain grey skirt, trousers or shorts. These must be appropriate for school use. I.e. Tailored and no pinstripes or jeans
- Plain grey socks or tights
- Black shoes

Physical Education

The School has a PE uniform that is to be worn for sports activities. This consists of:

- Regulation tracksuit with school badge
- Regulation white t-shirt with school badge
- Navy blue shorts
- Training shoes

Coats and hats

Coats are needed in the cold weather and should avoid inappropriate logos or design. These should be navy blue, dark grey or black. Hoodies, denim jackets, and any inappropriate or non-weatherproof coats are not permitted. Outdoor clothing – coats, gloves, scarves, etc, will be taken off indoors. The optional school blazer can be worn indoors over the sweater, vest or cardigan.

Exceptions

- Students in the Sixth Form are not required to wear a school uniform
- School uniform is optional for students in Form 4 and Form 5 on Wednesdays ONLY

Please see the following guidelines below:



These guidelines are in line with what would be expected in a normal office work environment that allows casual clothes and are the norm in schools that have a uniform policy - students in these forms must still follow rules on hair, make-up and accessories

- No tracksuit/jogging bottoms or sports shorts;
- No sports tops;
- Tee-shirts must cover the midriff and have shoulder straps;
- Inappropriate text/graphics on any item of clothing;
- Skirts must be of an appropriate length;
- No trousers with holes in them;
- No high heeled shoes or flip-flops.

Please note that any breach of the above rules may result in a student being sent home to change.

Jewellery

On Health and Safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The ONLY exceptions to this rule are:

- ear-ring studs in pierced ears
- small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain.

We ask the children to keep these items out of view and to remove them during PE, games and swimming for Health and Safety reasons.

Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme are also forbidden. Examples of these are:

- tramlines;
- stars;
- shaved heads;
- extreme patterns;



- dyed, tipped or dipped hair.

Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

Two days' grace will be given for hair which is too long or incorrect, to be cut/rectified.

Hair accessories

Items such as 'scrunchies', alice bands and other accessories may be worn but these must be BLUE or BLACK in colour.

Make-up, nails and piercings

Discreet make-up may only be worn by students in Form 5 and above. Any evidence of extreme or excessive make-up is not permitted and students will be asked to remove this. Nail extensions are not permitted, nails must be kept short and if varnished, must be in a clear colour.

Any form of body piercing must be covered up with a plaster - the School Office will have these available.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headmaster. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

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