


## STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY

<b>RESPONSIBILITY:</b>	<b>LEARNING &amp; ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE</b>
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<b>PROPOSED BY:</b>	<b>STEVE ADAMS</b>
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<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	 <b>CHAIR OF GOVERNORS</b>

In reviewing this policy, the Learning & Achievement Committee has taken into account the provisions of the Equality Policy 2012.



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## School Uniform

Our uniform is an outward sign of students' commitment to and pride in their school. It has been chosen with regard to what is comfortable and appropriate for 13 to 16 year olds. Cost and availability have also been considered. Students must wear the following items:

- regulation white Vandyke polo-shirt with school logo on chest \*
- regulation burgundy Vandyke jumper or cardigan with school logo on sleeve \*
- formal dark grey or black trousers or skirt of appropriate length. For clarity, trousers must be:
  - black/grey
  - plain/unpatterned (no checks/stripes, etc.)
  - **no 'jeans style' trouser, made from non-denim material is acceptable**
  - **jeggings/leggings are not acceptable**

This means they must not have any of the following features:

- jeans-style studs or pockets
  - large coloured belts or buckles (a black belt is allowed)
  - double stitched seams or piping on seams
- grey, black or white socks
  - shoes must be black. Sports shoes of any kind, including plimsolls and black trainers, are not acceptable
  - hoodies or hats should not be worn in the school
  - As daily life in school involves a great deal of interpersonal contact it is inappropriate to wear items that cover facial expressions. Girls who wish to wear headscarves in observance of their religious beliefs may do so as long as these conform to the requirements listed below:
    - the fabric should be lightweight and navy blue
    - the headscarves should be folded under the chin, taken round to the back of the neck and the ends tucked in - this conforms to health and safety requirements
    - headscarves should be worn so that the collar of the polo shirt can be seen

\* ***School uniform items are exclusively in stock at Wear2School in North Street, Leighton Buzzard.***

## Jewellery, Hairstyles and Make-up

In general, jewellery is inappropriate for school. Apart from the security issue, there are health and safety issues about wearing some items of jewellery. **Large hooped earrings, flesh tunnels, ear stretchers, bars, ear cuffs, spikes and chains**, for example, are not allowed for these reasons. Students must limit jewellery to:

- small sleepers or stud earrings (limited to one per ear) - multiple earrings are not permitted)

- a watch
- one ring on each hand, (multiple rings are not allowed)
- one necklace

**The school is not insured for students' jewellery or other personal effects if these go missing.**

Extremes of hairstyle and make-up are not appropriate for school and are not acceptable. **Hair colour must be natural shades only.** Piercing is strictly limited to nose and ear, i.e. no eyebrow/lip piercings are allowed. Nose rings are not permitted.

An updated policy document is provided for parents each academic year. If you are in any doubt about the appropriateness of clothing items, hairstyles or jewellery, please contact the school for clarification.

## **Parental Support**

We expect parent(s)/carer(s) to support us in maintaining high standards of uniform. If for any reason a parent/carers is unable to provide uniform due to financial difficulties, we may be able to help. Please contact the school, in confidence, as a matter of urgency and ask to speak to the Student Attendance & Welfare Officer or Head of Year. We keep a supply of uniform items which are in many cases new, and are in all cases laundered and ready to wear. These items may be borrowed for a limited period. We regularly update our stock, so there is no reason why any student should be out of uniform.

## **Students Arriving at School out of Uniform**

Each morning, Tutors will check the uniform of students in their group. If the Tutor is unable to resolve an issue, students out of uniform will be referred to the Year Office. The Student Attendance & Welfare Officer will then do one of four things:

- arrange for a student to borrow an item(s) of uniform
- contact home and ask a parent/carers to bring in an item of uniform
- consult with the Head of Year and refer a student to the Achievement Support Centre (ASC) where he/she will complete their lesson work until the uniform issue is resolved
- in exceptional circumstances, after consultation with the Director of Year or Deputy Headteacher, we will arrange with parents/carers for students to go home to change

## **Medical Issues regarding Footwear**

In exceptional circumstances, students will be allowed to wear black trainers for medical reasons. Parent(s)/carer(s) must contact the Headteacher in writing and provide medical evidence (e.g. Doctor's/hospital note) to support this request. In most cases, sensible school shoes provide better support for injuries than training shoes. This will be subject to regular review by the Year team.

## **Mobile Phones, MP3 Players, iPODs, etc.**

Vandyke strongly discourages the bringing into school of expensive items such as mobile phones, MP3 Players or iPODs. We take no responsibility for such items. We do insist, however, that if students do bring such items into school they must be switched off and placed in a secure locker or in bags during all lessons or assemblies. We reserve the right to ban students from bringing such items to school if they use them inappropriately or are in breach of our clear expectations above. An updated policy document is issued to parents each academic year about mobile phones.

## **Being Equipped for School**

An important part of every student's uniform is the equipment brought into school each day to facilitate learning. Details of what equipment students should bring each day will be provided. Secure lockers are available for all students to store books, PE kit and other items of school equipment.

## **PE Kit**

It is an expectation that all students take part in PE lessons in the correct PE kit. Details of the requirements for PE kit will be communicated to new students and parent(s)/carer(s) during the New Intake process. For current students, details are available in the Student Diary.