In part two of our series on uniforms, *Connected* highlights the key things to know about the Air Cadet Dress Regulations (AP1358C) to help you get ready for a formal parade or inspection.

Inspecting uniforms can be one of the trickiest aspects of formal parades – especially if the cadets and adults are not from your service.

Find out more: Visit the CCF website for a downloadable poster with uniform tips.

RAF UNIFORM

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The uniform worn for ceremonial duties or parades.

**ESSENTIALS**

- Brown service-issue leather gloves to be worn when on parade, unless white cotton gloves are required for specific ceremonial purposes.
- The style of the jacket shouldn't be altered by ironing in pleats or creases. Sleeves should only be lightly pressed, using a damp cloth, to iron out lateral creases; this is best achieved using a sleeve board.
- Trousers are to be worn with pressed-in creases, front and back, for the full length of each leg.
- Female officers may wear issued #1 SD skirt or trousers. Service-issue court shoes can be worn only with the skirt and never for marching duties.

The routine working dress uniform for officers.

**ESSENTIALS**

- Officers should wear #1 SD hat (peak cap) or optional field service cap – never a beret.
- Long-sleeved Wedgwood blue shirt and black tie can be worn with or without jersey.
- #2B (short-sleeved) dress uniform is worn without a tie.
- Cadets also wear #2 SD for certain occasions, including parades. However, they are only permitted to wear long-sleeved shirts (with or without jumper). Female cadets may wear skirts or slacks.

The standard working dress for cadets.

**ESSENTIALS**

- A tie is never worn with #2C uniform.
- Sleeves may be rolled up above the elbow. Brassard should be outside the turnup of the sleeve.
- Shirt collar is to be unbuttoned and, if in jumper, worn outside the jumper neck.
- Grey or RAF stable belt may be worn by any rank.

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- Beret badge should be above the left eye, beret band 25mm above the eyebrows, with excess material shaped to pull down over the right ear.
- Personnel of Sikh religion are permitted to wear turbans of approved Service pattern and colour. The cap badge should be fitted centrally.
- Muslim female personnel may wear hijabs of the approved pattern and colour under their uniform headdress, except when training or health and safety conditions dictate otherwise.
- Male Jewish personnel may wear a dark plain patterned yarmulke whenever service headdress is removed.
- Officers are not permitted to wear a beret except in MTP/DPM.