

# Uniform Policy

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## 1. Vision

At Slated Row School we are a vibrant and successful centre of learning, with the highest expectations of attendance and behaviour. We will ensure that we promote positive outcomes by facilitating self-managing behaviour, appropriate communication, collaborative problem-solving and the development of meaningful relationships for all pupils. As such, the school will promote an ethos which enables all staff and pupils to feel safe, pupils to learn effectively and have full access to a personalised curriculum.

## 2. Introduction

This policy will:

- Explain the school rationale for the uniform and to set out the uniform requirements.
- Detail the Sixth Form dress code and set out the school's policy for religious dress and symbols.
- Emphasise that all staff will be expected to enforce this policy.

## 3. Values

The School recognises the value of having a uniform for the following reasons:

- **Safety** – If all students in our school wear a clearly recognisable uniform it is easy to identify them when out on visits and in the community. On their way to and from the School it also affords a degree of safety as the students are part of a large body of young people who will look out for each other.
- **Preparation for the future** – Many jobs require staff to wear a uniform and even if there isn't a uniform there is often a dress code. Uniforms help young people get used to dressing to a prescribed standard. It also helps them to know the difference between formal and informal dress.
- **Value for money** – The uniform is good quality and a relatively inexpensive way to dress young people for school.
- **Relieves students from fashion 'stress'** – A School uniform eliminates the stress placed on students to purchase and wear expensive fashionable items.
- **Ready for work** – Putting on a uniform is a signal you are going to work.
- **A sense of pride** – We all feel proud of our young people when they are well dressed in the uniform. Uniform and team kits also help students to demonstrate pride in their school.
- **Helps raise aspirations** – The smarter you feel the more you believe you can achieve.



#### 4. Operation

##### Responsibilities

- The Headteacher will:
  - Ensure that the requirements are published to parents/carers, students and staff;
  - Ensure that the requirements and policies on cost and remission of cost are clearly set out in the school prospectus and website;
  - Determine the action to be taken for breaches of the uniform code.
- Parents/carers will:
  - Ensure students have the correct uniform;
  - Contact the school if their child has difficulties wearing the uniform;
  - Contact the school if there is an issue with financing the uniform.
- Students will wear the correct uniform at all times.
- Staff will ensure minimum uniform requirements are maintained at all times.

#### 5. Uniform and Religious Affiliation

- a) The school will apply the principle that, in order to maintain the features of consistency and enforceability of uniform rules, permitted variations will be kept to an essential minimum.
- b) Legally, there are two key principles that we want to ensure that we as a school adhere to and these concern religious principles:
  - i. The school wishes to be reasonable in the way it applies the uniform rule and will respect families' religious obligations to wear clothing as part of their religious practice. *However –*
  - ii. Ultimately, Governors' decision is final.

#### 6. Accessories and Personal Appearance

Some young people may on occasions try to express their personality through adapting or adding to their school uniform. Neither of these actions will be permitted. In particular:

- a) Hair must be in keeping with the smart appearance of our uniform and therefore be of a conventional length and style. Hairstyles following a fashion trend which is deemed inappropriate will not be permitted. Any colouring must be of a shade that occurs naturally.
- b) Excessive make up is inappropriate for school and not permitted.
- c) Jewellery may be worn within the following limits and is brought to the school at students' own risk:
  - i. One watch.
  - ii. A pair of plain, round gold or silver coloured studs worn in the earlobes.
  - iii. for Health & Safety reasons, no other jewellery worn in body piercings is permitted, e.g. nose studs, tongue studs, ear piercings in ear lobes, eyebrow studs or other body jewellery, even when worn under clothing, (some exceptions will be made for P16 students with parental consent).
  - iv. Visible tattoos, including henna tattoos are not permitted.



## 7. Summer uniform

In the summer class teachers will decide if jumpers or blazers are to be worn. Grey or black school shorts (not sports shorts) are acceptable instead of trousers. As stated earlier, if a parent or pupil has any issue with the school uniform they should inform school.

## 8. Breaches of Uniform Policy

Students not wearing the full and correct uniform will be given an additional uniform from loan stock to be worn for the day. Class adults will contact home in an attempt to resolve the issue. For minor breaches, the student may have a note written in their planner to inform parents of the action taken in school, with the expectation that the issue will be addressed for the next day.

Where there is a genuine case of hardship, financial assistance may be considered and the Business Manager should be contacted.

## 9. Dress Code

	Boys	Girls
<b>Lower &amp; Middle School:</b> Reception & years 1 to 6	White polo shirt Red jumper or cardigan Black/grey trousers Black shoes (fully black trainers acceptable)	White polo shirt Red jumper or cardigan Black/grey trousers/skirt/dress Black shoes (fully black trainers acceptable)
<b>Secondary:</b> Years 7 up to 11	White polo shirt or shirt School tie Red V neck jumper (optional) Black/grey trousers Black blazer with SRS logo Black shoes (fully black trainers acceptable)	White polo shirt or shirt School tie Red V neck jumper (optional) Black/grey trousers or skirt Black Blazer with SRS logo Black shoes (fully black trainers acceptable)
<b>Sixth Form / Post 16:</b> Year 12 on	Smart casual attire suitable and appropriate for work	Smart casual attire suitable and appropriate for work
<b>PE - Wolverton</b> Reception to Year 9	White t-shirt or polo shirt Black shorts Plimsolls or trainers If cold outside: red sweater & black jogging bottoms	
<b>PE – Kents Hill</b> Year 10 to 14	Blue t-shirt or polo shirt (from School supplier) Black shorts Plimsolls or trainers If cold outside: red sweater & black jogging bottoms	