



DSHS UNIFORM, DRESS CODE AND EQUIPMENT

2026 - 2027



SCHOOL UNIFORM



GENERAL PRINCIPLES

We want our uniform to:

- Foster a smart sense of identity, belonging and pride;
- Be comfortable, practical and suitable for the school day while allowing students to express their individuality appropriately;
- Be affordable for families across the community.

To help keep costs manageable, the school blazer and PE polo shirt are the only compulsory items to carry the school logo. The school jumper and PE hoodie are optional branded items. We also permit shoes, PE shorts, trousers and leggings that can be used both in school and for activities outside school. Clear limits apply to visible branding to ensure that our uniform remains inclusive and that students do not feel pressured to wear expensive designer items.

We are committed to ensuring that no student is disadvantaged by the cost of uniform. Families who require support can access our on-site pre-loved uniform provision, which offers good-quality uniform items at low or no cost.

Our uniform expectations are designed to strike a balance between maintaining high standards of appearance and recognising the diverse needs of our school community. Students are expected to present themselves smartly and wear their uniform correctly at all times. Expectations regarding jewellery, hair and appearance are clear, reasonable and consistent, helping to maintain a positive learning environment while recognising that students have their own identities and backgrounds.

Additional restrictions apply in practical subjects such as Physical Education, Food Technology and Design & Technology, where health and safety requirements must take priority. There are also specific rules identifying items that are not considered part of the school uniform, ensuring a consistent and professional appearance across the school.

By keeping our expectations clear and proportionate, staff can focus their time and attention on students' learning, wellbeing and personal development. We greatly value the support of parents and carers in ensuring that students attend school ready to learn and take pride in representing our school community.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

SCHOOL SHIRT

Sky blue conventional style school shirt (long or short sleeves)

SCHOOL TIE

A blue striped clip-on tie.

SCHOOL BLOUSE

Sky blue open neck reverse collar (no tie)

HOUSE BLAZERS

Black school blazer with school badge and pocket trims in house colour.

PLEATED SKIRT

Black pleated skirt which must be no shorter than just above the knee. NB: girls may also wear trousers (see page 20 for more information)

SCHOOL TROUSERS

Black conventional school type trousers.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

HOUSE BLAZERS

Black school blazer with school badge and pocket trims in house colour.

SCHOOL TIE

A blue striped clip-on tie.

SCHOOL SHIRT

Sky blue conventional style school shirt (long or short sleeves)

SCHOOL TROUSERS

Black conventional school type trousers.

BLACK LEATHER SHOES

Black leather or faux leather shoes. Plain **all black** shoes made by sports brands are permitted as long as the soles do not include "NikeAir" style bubbles or any mesh style material).

Canvas shoes, 'high-tops' and boots are not acceptable.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

HOUSE BLAZERS

Black school blazer with school badge and pocket trims in house colour.

SCHOOL BLOUSE

Sky blue open neck revere collar (no tie)

PLEATED SKIRT

Black pleated skirt which must be no shorter than just above the knee.

NB: trousers may also be worn - black conventional style - no leggings.

PE UNIFORM



WHAT UNIFORM IS NEEDED FOR PE LESSONS?

Only the polo shirt needs to have the school logo. Other items are allowed as long as they are **all** black AND any elements of branding (e.g. a sports brand logo) must fit within a single 30cm² area. This includes any branding that is black / woven into the fabric.

Items marked with a * are either/or. i.e. a student can wear shorts OR tracksuit bottoms. It is not necessary to have more than one of the items with a *.

HOODIES are not *compulsory*, but a hoodie with the school badge is allowed. **No other hoodies or tops are allowed** (but students may wear a plain black base layer under their polo shirt instead of wearing a DSHS hoodie).



PE UNIFORM

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BLACK SPORTS LEGGINGS*

Black sports leggings with all branding within one 30cm² area.

PE POLO SHIRT

Black poloshirt with school badge in House colour.

TRAINERS

Black or white trainers.

SOCKS

White crew or trainer socks.

BLACK SHORTS*

Plain black shorts with all branding within one 30cm² area.

PE UNIFORM

PE POLO SHIRT

Black poloshirt with school badge in House colour.

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SOCKS

White crew or trainer socks.

BLACK TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS*

Plain all black tapered tracksuit bottoms with all branding within one 30cm² area.

TRAINERS

Black or white trainers with a white sole.

BLACK SHORTS*

Plain black shorts with all branding within one 30cm² area.

BLACK AND RED SKORT (GIRLS ONLY)

A black and red skort.

PE UNIFORM

BLACK TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS*

Black tapered tracksuit bottoms with all branding within one 30cm² area.

SHORTS*

Plain black shorts with all branding within one 30cm² area.

SOCKS

White crew or trainer socks.

BLACK GYM LEGGINGS*

Black sports leggings with all branding within one 30cm² area.

TRAINERS

Black or white trainers.

PE POLO SHIRT

Black poloshirt with school badge in House colour.

WHERE CAN I BUY THE UNIFORM?

AVAILABLE FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS

(ALSO STOCKED BY ACE
ESSENTIALS)

BLACK SCHOOL TYPE
TROUSERS

BLACK LEATHER OR FAUX
LEATHER SHOES

SKY BLUE SCHOOL SHIRT
(LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES)

BLUE STRIPED CLIP-ON TIE

AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL COLOURS

BLACK SCHOOL BLAZER WITH
SCHOOL BADGE AND POCKET
TRIMS EMBROIDERED IN
HOUSE COLOURS

BLUE STRIPED CLIP-ON TIE

SKY BLUE SCHOOL SHIRT
(LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES)

AVAILABLE FROM ACE ESSENTIALS

BLACK V-NECK JUMPER
WITH SCHOOL BADGE
EMBROIDERED (OPTIONAL)

BULMAN - PURPLE
D'OLIVEIRA - GREEN
PARKS - BLUE
ROWLING - RED
WINSLOW - YELLOW





WHERE CAN I BUY THE UNIFORM?

AVAILABLE FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS

(ALSO STOCKED BY
ACE ESSENTIALS)

BLACK SCHOOL TYPE
TROUSERS

BLACK PLEATED SKIRT

BLACK LEATHER OR FAUX
LEATHER SHOES.

SKY BLUE SCHOOL BLOUSE
WITH OPEN NECK REVERSE
COLLAR

AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL COLOURS

BLACK SCHOOL BLAZER WITH
SCHOOL BADGE AND POCKET
TRIMS EMBROIDERED IN HOUSE
COLOURS

SKY BLUE SCHOOL BLOUSE
WITH OPEN NECK REVERSE
COLLAR

AVAILABLE FROM ACE ESSENTIALS

BLACK V-NECK JUMPER
WITH SCHOOL BADGE
EMBROIDERED (OPTIONAL)

BULMAN - PURPLE
D'OLIVEIRA - GREEN
PARKS - BLUE
ROWLING - RED
WINSLOW - YELLOW

WHERE CAN I BUY THE PE UNIFORM?

AVAILABLE FROM ACE ESSENTIALS

PLAIN BLACK SHORTS WITH
SCHOOL LOGO

BLACK POLO SHIRT WITH
SCHOOL BADGE

BLACK HOODIE WITH SCHOOL
BADGE EMBROIDERED
(OPTIONAL)

AVAILABLE FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS (ALSO STOCKED BY ACE ESSENTIALS)

PLAIN BLACK SHORTS WITH
BRANDING WITHIN ONE
30CM² AREA

PLAIN ALL BLACK TAPERED
TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS WITH
BRANDING WITHIN ONE
30CM² AREA

TRAINERS (NO BLACK SOLES)

WHITE CREW OR TRAINER
SOCKS





WHERE CAN I BUY THE PE UNIFORM?

AVAILABLE FROM ACE ESSENTIALS ONLY

GYM LEGGINGS WITH HOUSE COLOUR FLASH ON THE LEG

BLACK POLO SHIRT WITH SCHOOL BADGE

BLACK AND RED SKORT

BLACK HOODIE WITH SCHOOL BADGE EMBROIDERED
(OPTIONAL)

AVAILABLE FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS (ALSO STOCKED BY ACE ESSENTIALS)

PLAIN BLACK SHORTS WITH BRANDING WITHIN ONE 30CM² AREA

PLAIN ALL BLACK TAPERED TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS WITH BRANDING WITHIN ONE 30CM² AREA

PLAIN ALL BLACK FULL LENGTH SPORTS LEGGINGS

TRAINERS (NO BLACK SOLES)

WHITE CREW OR TRAINER SOCKS

BASIC EQUIPMENT



WHAT ARE THE SEVEN BASIC PIECES OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT YOU MUST CARRY?

PEN and a spare
PENCIL and a spare
RUBBER
RULER
SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR
SCHOOLBAG
PENCIL CASE (clear one for exams)



JEWELLERY

WHAT JEWELLERY ARE STUDENTS ALLOWED TO WEAR?

There are restrictions on **jewellery**. Students **are** allowed:

- no more than three earrings per ear.
- one discreet nose piercing
- their own choice of rings, bracelets and necklaces up to a maximum of five items.

All of the above jewellery absolutely has to be removed for PE (and Food and DT where necessary) with no discussion or negotiation.

Any student with a 'fresh' piercing stating that "it cannot be taken out for x weeks" is not Ready (see our values of Ready, Kind and Respectful) for these subjects and, as such, will face a consequence and request for parental support. Students and parents need to ensure that new piercings are timed at the start of holidays. Failure to remove piercings for practical lessons, including PE, will result in a sanction.

No other piercings (such as septum, eyebrow, tongue or lip piercings). Ear stretchers and tattoos are not allowed.

Long hair must also be tied back in PE, Food and DT as appropriate. Also, please note that all jewellery is the responsibility of students; we will not dedicate resources to assisting with finding lost items, no matter how valuable they may be.



DRESS CODE

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Anything made from sweatshirt material (regardless of whether or not it has a zip) and tracksuit style tops **may not be used as a substitute for a coat** and will be confiscated if used in school (including between school buildings).

Hats should not be worn in school buildings. **Scarves** (if worn) must be plain and either black or navy blue. Football or fashion scarves are **NOT** allowed.

Any headwear that is worn for religious observance must either be plain black or the same blue as the school shirt and not cover the face.

JEWELLERY

Students may wear a small amount of personal jewellery (see previous page), provided that it is appropriate for a school environment and does not present a health and safety risk. Jewellery that is excessively large, extreme in appearance, or potentially dangerous, including studded or spiked items and piercings that could cause injury, is not permitted.

HAIRSTYLES

Students may wear their hair in a style of their choosing, provided that it is appropriate for a school environment. Extreme hairstyles, including those incorporating shaved patterns, lines, shapes, symbols or other designs, are not permitted. Hair must be of a natural-looking colour; bright or deliberately unnatural colours are not allowed. Hair should be worn in a manner that does not obscure the face or impede learning, communication or safe participation in school activities.

MAKE UP

Make-up, nails and tanning products must be discreet and appropriate for a school environment. Excessive make-up, including styles that significantly alter or exaggerate facial features, is not permitted. Nail varnish may be worn on natural nails; however, false nails, nail extensions and false eyelashes are not permitted.

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE JEWELLERY

JEWELLERY



Up to three piercings
in each ear P



Rings, necklaces and
bracelets up to five
items combined (not
of each) are allowed
P



One nose piercing
P
Plain stud P

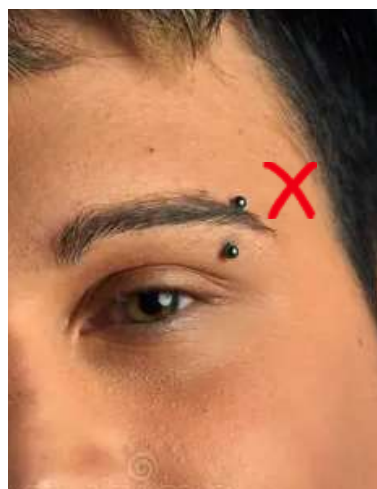
JEWELLERY



Ear stretcher x



Lip piercing x



Eyebrow piercing x

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE JEWELLERY

JEWELLERY



Rings, necklaces and bracelets up to five items combined (not of each) are allowed

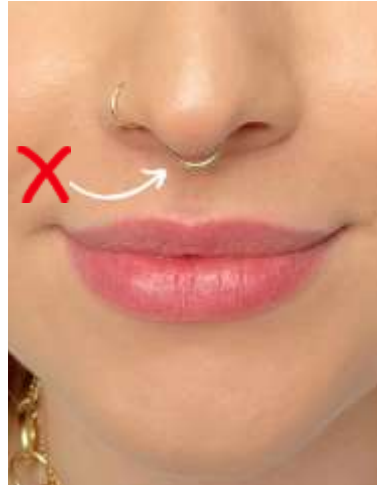


Up to three piercings in each ear



Rings, necklaces and bracelets up to five items combined (not of each) are allowed

JEWELLERY



Septum piercing x



Tattoo (of any size or design) x



Tongue piercing x

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE OUTDOOR CLOTHING

COATS

(BOYS AND GIRLS)



Coat

Not sweatshirt material / tracksuit



Coat

Not sweatshirt material / tracksuit



Coat

Not sweatshirt material / tracksuit

HOODIES/SWEATSHIRTS



Sweatshirt material / tracksuit x



Not sweatshirt material / tracksuit x



Not sweatshirt material / tracksuit x

UNIFORM EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES OF ITEMS FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS

SCHOOL TROUSERS



Black School
type

(those to the left
are from M&S and
are described as
'skinny leg' but
the fabric is not
stretchy)

SCHOOL TROUSERS



Black

BUT

NOT school type
(too tight / stretchy
material / leggings)

SCHOOL SHOES



All Black
(Faux) Leather



All Black
(Faux) Leather



All Black
(Faux) Leather



All Black
(Faux) Leather

SCHOOL SHOES



(Faux) Leather

BUT
NOT all black



All Black
(Faux) Leather
BUT

NOT flat (heels
are not
allowed)



All Black

BUT
NOT leather or faux
leather (canvas shoes
are not allowed)



(Faux) Leather

BUT
NOT all black

PE UNIFORM EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE PE ITEMS FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS

TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS (BOYS AND GIRLS)



Branding within
30cm²

All black material

Sports fit

TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS (BOYS AND GIRLS)



All black material

Sports fit

BUT

Branding NOT within
30cm²



Branding within
30cm²

All black material

Sports fit



Branding within
30cm²

Sports fit

BUT

NOT all black
material



Branding within
30cm²

All black material

Sports fit



Branding within
30cm²

All black material

BUT

NOT Sports fit

PE UNIFORM EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES OF **ACCEPTABLE** AND **UNACCEPTABLE** PE ITEMS FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS

SHORTS



Branding within
30cm²

All black material



Branding within
30cm²

All black material



Branding within
30cm²

All black material

SHORTS



All black material

BUT

Branding NOT within
30cm² x



All black material

BUT

Branding NOT within
30cm² x



All black material

BUT

Branding NOT within
30cm² x
(the three stripes up
the leg are black but
greater than 30cm²)

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE OF PE ITEMS FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS

GYM LEGGINGS



Branding within 30cm²

All black material



Branding within 30cm²

All black material



Branding within 30cm²

All black material

GYM LEGGINGS



All black material

BUT

Branding NOT within 30cm² (branding is not within one single 30cm² area)



Branding within 30cm²

BUT

NOT all black material (see through panels are not acceptable)



Branding within 30cm²

BUT

NOT all black material

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE OF PE ITEMS FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS

SHORTS



Branding within
30cm2

All black material



Branding within
30cm2

All black material



Branding within
30cm2

All black material

SHORTS



Branding within
30cm2

All black material

BUT

Not full length



All black material

BUT

Branding within
30cm2 x



Branding within
30cm2

BUT

NOT all black
material x

NOT full length x

PARENT CHECKLIST



- ☐ All pieces of basic equipment
- ☐ Blazer with school badge and pocket trim embroidered in house colour.
- ☐ Black, dark grey or navy socks.
- ☐ Black leather or faux leather shoes (plain **all black** shoes made by sports brands are permitted as long as the soles do not include “NikeAir” style bubbles or any mesh style material). Canvas shoes, ‘high-tops’ and boots are not acceptable.
- ☐ Sky-blue school shirt, long or short sleeves with a blue striped school tie or a sky-blue shirt with open neck revere collar (no tie necessary).
- ☐ Black school type trousers or a black pleated school skirt.

The school operates a gender-neutral uniform policy, which allows students to select from the approved uniform options regardless of gender, ensuring that all students can wear the uniform in which they feel most comfortable while maintaining the school's standards of dress and appearance.

PARENT CHECKLIST

EVERYONE (PE KIT)

- ☐ Black polo shirt with school badge in house colour.
- ☐ Plain **all black** shorts OR tapered jogging bottoms OR leggings with all branding within one 30cm² area (girls may also wear a black and red skort). See pages 21-24 for more information.
- ☐ Black or white trainers.
- ☐ White ankle or crew socks.

OPTIONAL

UNIFORM

- ☐ Black v-neckjumper with school badge embroidered (no other jumpers or hoodies are allowed).

PE KIT

- ☐ Black hoodie with school badge embroidered (no other jumpers or hoodies are allowed for PE but students may wear a plain black 'base layer' under their polo shirt).

