

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Full school uniform is compulsory for all pupils. Pupils not in full uniform are liable to be refused admission as failure to do so is seen as a blatant disregard of school rules. In any emergency, parents may request permission in writing for pupils to wear other than full school uniform and the Headteacher is authorised to grant permission only for a very short period.

In line with Government guidance, we have only four branded items. These are marked with an asterisk in the lists below.

Generic Uniform

- Charcoal grey skirt no more than 2 inches above the knee; it **must not** be of a stretchy jersey/'lycra' type material.
- Charcoal Grey or Black tailored trousers may be worn
- White or blue long sleeve school shirt. Optional short sleeve white or blue school shirt for summer
- School Tie * (to be worn at all times)
- Grey V neck pullover (optional)
- Tights, (grey or black not patterned - plain) or socks. Knee length socks are not permitted, ankle socks only (white, grey or black)
- Black shoes only – no coloured laces, stripes, stitching etc – no trainers or training shoes
- Black blazer with badge* – can be purchased separately at school.
- Woodchurch High School coat – (this is optional but no other coat can be worn into school)
- Woodchurch High School bag* – (compulsory)

Girls P.E. Kit

- Plain Navy blue shorts, football type or Plain Navy skort (not cycle shorts)
- Woodchurch High School polo shirt*
- Trainers (non-marking soles)
- Navy tracksuit bottoms with Woodchurch motif (optional)
- White ankle sports socks (not football socks)
- Navy hoodie with Woodchurch motif (optional)
- Gum shield (hockey) and shin pads (hockey and football) (optional)
- It is advisable for names to be printed on shirts (the suppliers will provide this service)

Boys P.E. Kit

- Plain Navy P.E. shorts (one pair)
- Woodchurch High School polo shirt*
- Trainers (non-marking soles)
- Plain navy rugby shirt
- White ankle sports socks (not football socks)
- Navy football socks with turn-over
- Football boots (blades or mouldies are preferable as lessons take place on grass and the 3G football pitch). Pupils cannot use astroturf trainers for football or rugby lessons on the grass due to health and safety
- Gum shield (rugby & hockey) and shin pads (football & hockey) (optional)
- Navy hoodies with Woodchurch motif (optional)
- It is advisable for names to be printed on shirts (the suppliers will provide this service)

It is advisable for names to be printed on PE shirts (the suppliers will provide this service)

Ties and school badges can be purchased from school: ties £4.00 and badges £2.50

School takes seriously its commitment to ensure that the school uniform can be purchased at an affordable cost. Recent Government figures highlight how the average cost of a school uniform is in the region of £300. If the uniform for Woodchurch High School is sourced almost exclusively from a major supermarket retailer, or indeed from a specialist uniform shop, the cost is under £150.

GUIDANCE ON SCHOOL UNIFORM

The majority of our pupils wear their uniform correctly and look extremely smart and ready for learning and I would thank you for your support in this matter.

Our general uniform requirements as follows:-

- All pupils are required to wear a blazer and tie at all times. Ties (and school badges for blazers) can be purchased from the school office. Ties should be worn with a small knot and 10 stripes showing with the top button of the shirt fastened.

- **Footwear** - Shoes which are **all black** are allowed and parent/carers are asked to ensure that shoes do not have logos/ticks/writing etc on them in different colours. Please refer to our website for further guidance. If they do parents/carers will be asked to replace them with all black shoes. Boots (Uggs, Dr. Martins etc) are **not** allowed to be worn in school (unless exceptions are made by the Headteacher during heavy snowfall). Training shoes are not permitted.
- The school skirt is **charcoal grey**, it must **not** be of a stretchy jersey/'lycra' type material and should be worn 'on the knee.'
- Charcoal Grey or Black tailored trousers may be worn
- A grey v neck jumper can be worn underneath but not instead of the blazer. Black jumpers or cardigans are **not** allowed. Sleeveless jumpers are not allowed.
- PE Kit – this should be as described in school prospectus – check with the PE Department if any issues.
- Badges – pupils may not wear any badges other than those issued by the school. Special dispensation may be given for charitable badges or other institutional badges. These are considered on a case by case basis. Other badges, such as birthday badges are not permitted.
- **School bags** - Pupils are expected to use a Woodchurch High School Bag. There are three designs for pupils to choose from. The bags all have our school logo on and pupils can have their names embroidered on them for a fee. Names on pupil bags are not compulsory, but are recommended. This means that if a pupil mislays their bag, it is more easily identifiable. Please note: pupils will not be permitted any other school bags other than the Woodchurch design.
- **School Coat** - Woodchurch High School has a school coat. It is not compulsory to buy a coat, but no other coat is to be worn into school.

Sanctions for not wearing correct uniform

Pupils who are not in full uniform will be seen by their Form Tutor or Pupil Progress Leader and asked to explain why they are not wearing full uniform.

A continued infringement will likely result in contact with parent/carer and the pupil being sent home to dress correctly. If we are not able to contact you, your child will work in our Reflection Room until we do manage to make contact and discuss whether there is any difficulty in providing uniform.

If a pupil persists in not wearing the school uniform and we have no information from you to suggest there is a difficulty in providing uniform or if there is a persistent refusal to comply we will treat this as a breach of the school's discipline policy and your child will be excluded from school or placed in the Rehabilitation Unit.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that body/facial piercings are not allowed in school. This includes tongue piercing. Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of earrings only (one in each ear) – small studs or small hoops. Ear expanders, 'plugs' 'tunnels' and 'tusks' are strictly forbidden. Also no bracelets or rings are allowed for health and safety reasons.

Hair colour should be natural, i.e. not bright pink, blue, purple etc and we do not allow patterns or lines to be cut into hair. Mohican style hairstyles with hair shaved at sides but long on top are also not acceptable nor are any hair cuts at number 1 or below. 'Dip-dye' hair is not permitted. Any inappropriate hairstyles and colours will be expected to be resolved within an agreed time span and may result in your child working in our Rehabilitation Unit. Pupils should look prepared for a day at school, ready to work. Coloured nail varnish is not permitted, nor are coloured extensions, such as shellac nails.

Our school uniform requirements are typical of most secondary schools across the country and most items are available at various retail outlets thus giving you choice and different price ranges.

With this in mind I ask that home and school continue to give the same message to our young people by insisting that they wear this full uniform with a sense of pride.

We believe that smart pupils demonstrate a good work ethic that contributes to effective learning and self discipline and that this is an important aspect of our school ethos.

Thank you for your continuing support.

<https://woodchurchhigh.com/uniform/>