



Dear parent/carer,

We are aware that over the coming weeks you will be replacing your child's school uniform and footwear. With many shops now retailing unacceptable or inappropriate garments in their 'schoolwear' ranges, we would like to take the opportunity to clarify with you what is – and is not – acceptable.

SHOES

Below is a selection of shoes that are appropriate for school. They must be **black shoes** that can be **polished**. There should be **no colours, nor should they feature any logos**.



The shoes below are an example of **what should not be worn for school**. This is not an exhaustive selection. As a guide, no shoe that is made from a canvas or suede material – or similar – or those that include logos etc should be worn. **Heeled shoes and boots are also inappropriate, and trainers, including such makes as 'Vans' or 'Converse', are not allowed in any material.**



Girls' skirts and trousers

In addition to this, we would ask that you consider carefully the style and type of skirts and trousers you purchase for your child. Below is a selection of appropriate styles. Skirts should be a modest length and trousers should not be tight fitting. Both skirts and trousers should be black or grey.



Tube skirts and skater style skirts, such as those below, are not appropriate for school.



Boys' trousers

Similarly, boys' trousers should be of an appropriate style and either black or grey. Below are examples of acceptable trousers.



Personal appearance

In addition to our uniform expectations, we would also like to make you aware of the expectations that we have regarding personal appearance.

- Pupils may have a stud earring in the lobe of each ear. These must be removed or taped up for PE lessons. No other types of piercing are allowed.
- Hair should be of a natural colour and be kept smart and tidy. **Tram lines are not allowed.** In addition to this, we ask that pupils do not have any other extreme hair style, such as grade 1 shaved hair.

We strongly believe that school life is preparation for real life and therefore children should become used to wearing acceptable and appropriate clothing, as is the case in many employment sectors. We thank you in anticipation of your support.