



Uniform and Presentation

A Guide for Parents and Students
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How our students dress, how their uniform looks and how they represent themselves tells a lot about their **attitude to school** and **commitment to learning**. A **pride in their appearance** means they have pride in our school. We have a uniform, like the vast majority of other schools, for several reasons. It creates a sense of **community**. It shows equality and **togetherness**. It identifies who we are and what we stand for. Correct uniform should be worn to and from school.

All our Uniform can be purchased from School Uniform Direct

<https://www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk>

You can purchase online or at their shop, their nearest branch to school is Unit 5 Mitcham Industrial Estate, Streatham Road, Mitcham, CR4 2AP. From July 22nd 2022, we will no longer be holding any items of uniform for sale on site. We will continue to have ties in stock that can be purchased via Parent Pay. All other branded items must be purchased from School Uniform Direct. Unbranded items, for example, black trousers, skirts and white shirts can be purchased from a number of different retail outlets.

Second hand uniforms can be purchased from the Friends of Norwood stand at our Yr 6 Induction Interviews. If you would like to sell or buy second hand uniforms, you can register for free on Old School Uniform. <https://oldschooluniform.co.uk> This is an online platform where you can give away or sell second hand school uniforms. It's free to use and has been designed to connect local school communities in a practical way. So, if you have school uniforms that your children have outgrown, no longer use or have never worn, or if you are looking for a second hand school uniform for your child, this is the place to start.

Our uniform rules are outlined below:

Blazer (purchased directly from School Uniform Direct)

- This is a compulsory part of the uniform and must be worn at all times
- No other items of non-school uniform such as a hoodie should be worn under the blazer
- Blazers may be removed during lessons at the discretion of the individual class teacher

Jumper (Purchased directly from School Uniform Direct)

- Long sleeve or sleeveless jumper should be worn. No other jumper is permitted

Shirt and Tie (Tie purchased directly from the school or School Uniform Direct or School Office via Parent Pay.)

- Shirt should be white with a collar, not a PE t-shirt
- The school tie must be worn and cover the top button
- Shirts should be tucked into trousers or skirts

Coats and hoodies

- Hoodies and tracksuit tops are **not permitted** and should not be brought into the school site, or worn to and from school
- A dark overcoat should be worn (either black, dark blue or dark grey in colour). A small logo is permitted
- Coats should not be worn inside the school building
- Hoods on coats are only to be worn outside and during inclement weather. They should not be worn at any other time
- Winter scarves should be plain black. 'Blanket' style scarves are not permitted
- Balaclavas are not permitted

Trousers and skirts

- Trousers and skirts should be black
- Denim, canvas, corduroy, tracksuit bottoms, skin tight, leggings and skinny jean style trousers are not permitted
- Denim and corduroy skirts are not permitted
- Trousers and skirts must be worn in such a way that does not reveal underwear and should sit smartly on the waist. If required, belts should be worn and trousers must not sag
- Students are not allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms, shorts or any other kind of trousers underneath their trousers; this is unhygienic and has negative associations

Footwear

- 'Traditional' leather school shoes, either laced, strapped or slip-ons are acceptable, as are 'Kickers' and Doc Martin style shoes and boots.
- Smart plain, black leather trainers are permitted in school. They must be completely black with no other colours permitted, even as part of a brand logo

- Canvas shoes and plimsolls are not acceptable. This includes Converse or Vans style shoes, even if they are leather

Tights and socks

- Tights and socks should be clean and ladder free
- Tights and socks should be plain black or white

Piercings and Jewellery

Parents have an important role and responsibility in supporting our school uniform expectations. Piercings need to be discrete and smart in line with our high standards of appearance.

- Students are allowed to wear two small plain studs, in the lower part of each or either ear
- Students are allowed to wear one small **plain** stud in their nostril
- Nose and ear studs **MUST** be removed on request for PE and Dance Lessons **without** exception
- No other facial piercings are allowed. Students must not enter the school site with any additional piercings
- Retainers and plasters are not acceptable (even if a piercing hasn't healed in time)
- Students will be sent home to remove any additional piercings, or will remain in the Greenhouse until the piercing is removed
- Rings, chains, elaborate watches or smart watches must not be worn
- Sunglasses can only be worn outside the school building

Makeup and Nails

- If make up is worn it should be subtle and discreet
- Excessive or gaudy make up is not allowed
- Nail polish, nail extensions and elongated nails are not allowed
- Eyelash extensions are not allowed
- Drawing or writing on hands is not allowed, unless it is for religious purposes
- Tattoos are not allowed, parents are reminded that it is illegal for people under the age of 18 to get a tattoo
- Skin lotions or creams should only be applied in the toilets

Hair and the Halo Code

Norwood School has decided to adopt the Halo Code. The Halo Code explicitly protects students and staff who come to school with natural

hair and protective hairstyles associated with their racial, ethnic and cultural identities. By adopting the Halo Code, we are proactively taking a stand to ensure that no member of our community faces barriers or judgments because of their Afro-textured hair.

- Hair bands or other discreet accessories should be plain
- Headscarves should be plain and only worn for religious purposes
- Hats, bandanas, bonnets and doo-rags are not allowed
- Hair dye is not recommended for children at secondary school age. However if used we recommend that it is subtle and does not undermine our high standards of appearance
- Students must not 'do' their hair on the school site, and should not walk around with combs and brushes, or wear these in their hair.

School bags

- School bags should be fit for purpose and large enough to fit all books and other equipment, and should be carried at all times.
- Handbags, pouches and sports shop carrier bags are not allowed.

PE and Dance Uniform and Expectations

Students wear school PE kit for Dance lessons. They are not permitted to wear socks, shoes or trainers in the dance studio, all students dance barefoot. Sanctions for those who fail to bring the correct kit are in line with the PE Dept, see below.

Pupils must bring the full PE kit to each lesson.

This includes:

- Purple polo shirt with school badge*
- Black sweatshirt with school badge*

- Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms.
- Black or White sports socks.
- Trainers and/or football boots depending on activity

*Purchased from **School Uniform Direct**

Non uniform black shorts and tracksuit bottoms must not include logos or designs of any description.

If a student fails to bring a full PE kit, they are expected to borrow one from the department stores.

If pupils are injured or unwell, they are still expected to bring their PE kit and change to take part in the lesson as an assistant, referee, coach, and/or scorer. If they have forgotten their kit, they will borrow one from the PE stores. If pupils refuse to change into this kit, they will be triaged.

If pupils explain that they are injured but have lost or not acquired a note, or a phone message has not yet been received from parents, the pupil must borrow a kit from the PE stores. At this point, the teacher may withdraw the pupil from the physical elements of the lesson and provide them with an additional role. Staff will use their professional judgement when asking a student to try and attempt physical exercise.

Snacks and drinks

We are a healthy school and encourage you to make healthy choices:

- Fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not permitted on the school site
- Oversized bags, family sized bags, sharing bags and tubes of crisps, sweets and biscuits are not permitted on the school site
- Fast food bought from outside restaurants is not permitted on the school site
- Family sized cartons (500ml+) or bottles of juice are not permitted on the school site
- Students are not permitted to sell food items to other pupils

If any of the above snacks and drinks are seen, they will be confiscated and thrown away. Please drink only water or small juice cartons whilst on the school site.

Headphones, Earphones and Airpods

- Should not be used or seen on the school site. This includes the playground and is enforced from the moment you step inside the school gates until you leave

Non Uniform

If a student is in incorrect uniform or does not have the necessary equipment they will be instructed by their form tutor to go to their Head of Year, Deputy Head of Year or a member of the senior leadership team. They will discuss the issue with them and decide whether the student:

- Is sent home to change or correct the infringement
- Is provided with a replacement uniform
- Is sent to the Greenhouse for the day