



**Clevedon  
School**

## **School Uniform Policy**

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**Signed: Sue Meaker, Chair of LGB**

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### **1 Introduction**

It is our School policy that all children wear School uniform when attending School, travelling to and from School or when participating in a School-organised event outside normal School hours (unless inappropriate for practical reasons as determined by the trip leader).

We provide a complete list of the items needed for School uniform on our website.

## **2 Aims and Objectives**

Our policy on School uniform is based on the notion that School uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the School;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the School;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the School;
- prevents children from coming to School in fashion clothes which creates inequality;
- is regarded as suitable wear for School and good value for money by most parents as it is worn every day and eliminates the need to constantly fund a 'school wardrobe'.

## **3 The School Uniform**

3.1 The uniform must be worn by all students in Years 7 to 11. Whilst uniform is divided as 'Boys' and 'Girls' the school has a single uniform policy which includes and is supportive of a student who wishes to wear items from either section.

3.2 Whenever the School uniform is worn, it must be complete and not mixed with non-uniform clothing. This includes when travelling to and from School, at which times the uniform must be worn.

3.3 School uniform expectations during lesson

- Students will adhere to the School uniform policy during lessons. If the weather is hot then students may be allowed to remove blazers and self-regulate. Students will be reminded of this during hot weather.
- Teachers will ensure uniform expectations are adhered to at the start and end of each lesson.

3.4 School uniform expectations at Break Time and Lunch Time

- Students will adhere to the School uniform policy, including wearing their blazers at all times, if they are in or around the main School buildings. If students are involved in some form of physical activity in an open space then blazers may be removed.

3.5 School uniform expectations when students leave the School site at the end of the day.

- At the end of each day all students will adhere to the School uniform policy when they are leaving the School site or in close proximity to the School.
- Staff on duty at the end of the School day will challenge students who are not meeting the School's uniform expectations when they leave the School premises.

## **4 Hot Weather**

During hot weather the school will advise of any adaptations that may be made to the uniform. A response would be considered in conjunction with a weather warning for hot weather from the MET Office.

## **5 Items of Religious Clothing**

Items of religious clothing can be worn and should be keeping with school colours; black, grey, gold.

## **6 Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Hoodies, Coats and Jackets**

6.1 Hoodies are not part of our uniform code and as such they are not permitted to be worn as part of the uniform. Hoodies are not to be worn, to and from, or at the school. The exception is when it is an official item of clothing linked to a school event or society.

Students who arrive at school in these garments must anticipate having them confiscated for a week, along with them receiving a sanction.

Please do not send your child to school dressed in anything which resembles a hoodie of any description including hoodies with or without a zip

- 6.2 A smart coat or jacket may be worn to and from School. Any logo must not be excessive. Hats and scarves may also be worn but extreme styles will not be permitted.
- 6.3 Coats and jackets made of leather or denim are not acceptable.
- 6.4 Outdoor clothes are not to be worn during lessons or in the dining area.

## **7 Makeup and Jewellery**

- 7.1 Discrete personal make-up will be allowed on students.
- 7.2 Students will be asked to remove any make-up identified. This includes, but not exclusively, nail varnish, eye make-up, fake eye lashes, lipstick, glitter etc.
- 7.3 Students are not permitted to wear jewellery at School (including rings and bracelets). The exceptions to this rule are that students may wear two studs in each ear; small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain and a wristwatch may also be worn.
- 7.4 Jewellery as a result of any facial piercing (including tongue piercing) or any other form of body piercing is not acceptable. Taping over a facial piercing, covering it with a plaster, or using 'clear' jewellery is not permitted.
- 7.5 No false nails or gel nail polish may be worn. Discreet neutral polish is permitted.
- 7.6 Hair accessories must be black, navy or white.
- 7.7 No visible tattoos (including in PE kit) are permitted.

## **8 Hair**

- 8.1 Hair must be kept tidy. Extremes of length or style (as determined by the Headteacher) are not permitted. Parents must ensure that their child avoids unconventional styles and extreme/non-natural hair colourings of part or all of the hair. The School reserves the right to insist on re-styling if it considers the style inappropriate.
- 8.2 The Headteacher may grant exceptions to the above, but only where this is required as a matter of sincere religious observance and where this can be substantiated by a letter from the leader of the relevant religious community.

## **9 Sixth Form Dress Code**

- 9.1 Sixth Form students are expected to dress appropriately for the task of learning and membership of Clevedon School. A smart appearance is therefore expected of all students in our school community noting any demands of particular religious beliefs.
- 9.2 The dress code for Sixth Form students is available upon request but is designed to allow the appropriate freedom of expression for Post 16 students without causing offence, pose a health and safety risk or compromise the school's beliefs in having a uniform and sense of togetherness in our community.
- 9.3 Footwear should be in good condition and suitable for the context of school, especially when working in practical based subjects eg no open toe shoes.

- 9.4 Conventional jewellery / earrings with no facial piercings with the exception of a small nose stud) and no visible body piercings
- 9.5 Please note that the spirit of the code is important. All Sixth Form students should dress in such a way as to bring credit upon the School.

## **10 The Role of Parents and Carers**

- 10.1 It is an expectation of sending your child to Clevedon School that you uphold the uniform policy. All families who send their children must support the School uniform policy.
- 10.2 We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to School correctly dressed and ready for their daily Schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- 10.3 It is essential that all items of uniform are marked with your child's name as the School does not accept any responsibility for any lost items.

## **11 Student Non-Compliance**

- 11.1 In line with the guidance from the DfE teachers can discipline students for breaching the School's policy on appearance and uniform. This will be carried out in accordance with the staff guidance accessible on the school website. Students who arrive at school and are not complying with this policy, must anticipate the school using a range of responses depending on the circumstances and frequency of uniform breach. These include:
- being given a temporary short term uniform pass for the day
  - being given replacement uniform and/or shoes detention at Break, Lunch or after a school.
  - being isolated until appropriate uniform is brought to school
  - sent home to change
  - receiving a sanction
- 11.2 In making a decision about what constitutes acceptable uniform and appearance, the decision of the Headteacher and the Leadership Team is final, binding and without question.
- 11.3 The Headteacher, or a person authorised by the Headteacher, may ask a student to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the School's rules on appearance or uniform. When making this decision the Headteacher will consider the student's age and vulnerability, the ease and time it will take, and the availability of the student's parents/carer. This will not be recorded as a fixed term exclusion but as an authorised absence.
- 11.4 If the student continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid School, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the pupil's absence may be counted as an unauthorised absence. In either case the student's parents/carers must be notified and the absence should be recorded.
- 11.5 When considering excluding a student for breaches of the uniform policy then this will be in line with the legal requirements for exclusion.

## **12 The Role of Governors**

- 12.1 The Local Governing Body (a committee of the Trust Board) supports the Headteacher in implementing the School uniform policy. It does considers all representations regarding the uniform policy and reviews regularly the stance taken including making sure all obligations regarding equal opportunities are adhered to.

### **13 The School Supplier**

The School supplier is Monsoon Clothing:

Monmark  
63 Teignmouth Road  
Clevedon  
North Somerset

BS21 6DL 0800 146

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[info@monmark.co.uk](mailto:info@monmark.co.uk)

[k](http://www.monmark.co.uk)

All our uniform items can be purchased online from:

Clevedon Schools Uniform – Online ordering direct from Monmark ([clevedonschooluniform.com](http://clevedonschooluniform.com))

The School and Monsoon welcome feedback on their service, garments and pricing and any feedback should be sent to both the company and the school so that both parties have an accurate reflection on how well things are progressing.

### **14 Monitoring and review**

14.1 The Governing Body monitors and reviews the School uniform policy through;

- Listening to the views of parents / carers, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- considering, with the Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to School uniform
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the School uniform policy is implemented and how it is securing best value for families

14.2 This policy will be reviewed every two years by SLT and Governors

14.3 Date when policy was last approved: November 2023

14.4 Date when next review is due: November 2025