

## **NEWALL GREEN HIGH SCHOOL**

### **School Uniform Policy**

#### **Introduction**

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside school.

#### **Aims and objectives**

Our policy is based on the shared belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the students with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance (protects students from social pressures to dress in a particular way)
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- encourage pride in the school and supports teaching and learning
- enable students to be comfortable, safe and secure
- ensures that students of different social, religious and ethnic groups feel welcome

#### **Uniform**

- **Black or charcoal grey tailored trousers** (Not denim, canvas, cord, chinos or tracksuit)
- **Blue tartan skirt** (Available directly from school)
- **White or blue shirt / blouse** (Traditional school shirt /blouse. Not denim, canvas or fashion items)
- **School tie** (Must be worn appropriately as a doorknocker by both boys and girls)
- **Black flat leather/leather look school shoes.**
- **School V Necked Jumper** (Optional in years 8-11)
- **School Blazer with distinctive school logo** (Compulsory for all year groups)

Black cardigans/hooded tops are not allowed to be worn anywhere in the building and will be confiscated.

#### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow students to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games.

#### **No visible Make Up**

### **No facial piercings.**

#### **Enforcement of the uniform policy**

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child comes to school in the correct uniform (see the Home School Agreement).
- Form tutors are responsible for monitoring uniform; all staff have a responsibility for ensuring that students are correctly dressed in class and elsewhere on the school site.
- Students will be expected to borrow shoes/blazer from school if they are not appropriately dressed
- Students may be sent home to change (in agreement with parent/carer) if they are inappropriately dressed
- Where it is not possible to change the uniform, students will automatically go into isolation with a Form Tutor (this includes an after school detention for 40 minutes)
- Incorrect uniform will be sanctioned in **exceptional circumstances** and then only by a Head of Year

In the case of jewellery and other accessories, the student will be asked to remove the item. Teachers have the right to confiscate items of jewellery if deemed appropriate (for repeated offences)

#### **The Headteacher is the final arbiter in all matters of uniform and dress.**

Parents should raise any issues relating to school uniform, dress codes or other aspects of appearance with the Headteacher. Requests to vary the uniform requirements for particular reasons, such as medical needs, will always be carefully considered.

Students should raise issues with their tutor or Head of School; they may also request that uniform matters, including proposals for change, be put onto the agenda of the School Council meetings.

#### **The role of parents**

**We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.**

**Should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of a**

**member of SLT. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.**

### **The role of governors**

**The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.**

**It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.**

**Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.**

### **Monitoring and review**

**When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:**

- **seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;**
- **consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;**
- **require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.**

**This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier if considered necessary.**