



Trinity School and College



School Uniform Policy

Trinity puts children's rights at the heart of our provision in order to improve well-being and develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. Trinity recognises the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child putting it into practice within the school and beyond.

1. Introduction

1.1 It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event within normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our website www.trinityschoolrochester.co.uk.

2. Aims and objectives

2.1 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 that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health, safety, welfare and safeguarding in mind.

3. Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are:

- ear-ring studs in pierced ears (one per ear). No other studs are permitted in school.
- small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.

The school advises parents who wish their children to have piercings to do so at the beginning of the school holidays so that they are healed for the start of the school year and allow the removal of studs for the school day.

3.2 Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

4. Extreme haircuts, Make Up and Nails

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

4.2 Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also not allowed.

Students with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

4.3 Students are not permitted to wear makeup until Year 10 and then this has to be limited to foundation, mascara and clear lip gloss. No eyeliner, false eyelashes or heavy makeup is permitted within the school. The reason that there is some allowance for makeup from Year 10 is to recognise the maturing aspect of the students presentation and to support welfare and wellbeing needs.

4.4 Nails should be natural and of a suitable length to prevent injury.

4.5 Nail polish should not be worn until Year 10 and then must be a natural colour or clear.

5. Footwear

5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels (over 3cm), so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

We require all children to wear black shoes (we also permit black trainers if requested) as stated in the uniform list. In winter time, winter black shoes or black boots may be worn

6. The role of parents

6.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support 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. 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.

6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the School Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

6.3 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy due to the sensory or health needs of the student, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the School Headteacher.

7. The role of Cavendish Education Group

7.1 The Executive Principal supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

7.2 It is the Executive Principal responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

7.3 The Executive Principal will ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that supports the student to achieve their potential.

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8. Monitoring and review

8.1 The Executive Principal reviews the school uniform policy with the Headteacher every three years and will

- seek the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support any changes to 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 Executive Principal on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

9. Uniform

The School Uniform is:

All Pupils in School:

Grey Polyester Blazer with Trinity Badge (Blazer pocket badge *) (Optional)

Grey Fleece (full zip) *

Maroon or Grey V neck jumper or cardigan

Grey skirt or Grey trousers

Pink/White striped summer dress – Optional Easter to October for Primary Phase and Key Stage 3 only

Grey shorts – Optional Easter to October

School tie *

White shirt/blouse

Black low heel shoes

Games Kit:

Black tracksuit trousers

White sports shirt (no logos etc.)

Black PE shorts (no logos etc.)

White and/or black plimsolls/trainers (non marking)

Grey or Maroon School Fleece

Sundries:

Art canvas apron

Food Technology Apron

College and Gateway

Smart Casual Wear

Black Hoodie *

The school uniform items marked with * are available to order from Trinity School and College and all other items are available from any school uniform supplier e.g. M&S, Asda, Tesco etc.

Trinity has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states:

'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, schools ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.'

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'Georgina Moorcroft', is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

Reviewed by Georgina Moorcroft

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