

The Grove School Uniform Policy September 2017

Our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school, and promotes a strong, cohesive school identity, supporting the high standards we aspire to. It gives our students a sense of identity.

Students in Years 7 – 11 are required to wear a school uniform at all times. We hope that parents will understand the reasons for our school uniform and support us.

We want our students to be smartly and sensibly dressed, and despite fashion trends we aim to have a uniform which is practical, comfortable and fit for purpose, but also reflects the ethos and values of the school. We also want our students to be proud of their uniform and their school. It is widely accepted that a uniform improves a child's attitude to work and allows them to focus on learning, rather than their appearance. A uniform also helps prepare our students for the world of work, 'dressed for business'; the business being that of learning. Also, a uniform reduces socio-economic differences and instances of bullying based on appearance.

The compulsory uniform consists of:

Boys

- Grey blazer with embroidered logo
- Plain, white school shirt
- Grey school tie with embroidered badge purchased from the school
- Plain, black tailored school trousers
- Flat, black leather or leather look school shoes

Optional item

- A plain, black V neck jumper of a fine knit type may be worn under the blazer during the winter months.

Girls

- Grey blazer with embroidered logo
- Plain, white school shirt / blouse
- Grey school tie with embroidered badge purchased from the school
- Plain, black, tailored school trousers, or a straight, tailored knee length skirt.
- Black opaque tights
- Flat, black leather or leather look school shoes

Optional item

- A plain, black V neck jumper of a fine knit type may be worn under the blazer during the winter months.

Excessive jewellery and make-up are not allowed. One stud, sleeper or small earring in the lower part of the ear (lobule) per ear is acceptable, as is a small finger ring. These will need to be removed for some activities such as PE. No other studs or jewellery or any other body piercing (such as tongue, lips, nose, eyebrow) are acceptable.

The following items are not permitted under any circumstances
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- Hoodies
- Canvas shoes/pumps or logoed shoes/trainers. The school has the final decision over the suitability of footwear.
- Boots, high heels, slipper-type pumps
- Hipster, jeans-style, frayed, lycra, skinny, decorated or casual trousers
- Short skirts/fitted skirts
- Wide belts/large buckles
- Unnatural hair colour
- Ear lobe stretchers, highly decorative earrings, bars or multiple ear piercings
- Excessive make-up
- Brightly coloured nail varnish and false nails
- Any form of headwear inside the school building.
- It is against the law for anyone under the age of 18 to have a tattoo and therefore we do not expect any of our Yr 7 – Yr 11 pupils to have one.

Summer Uniform

In the event of a heatwave being declared by the Met Office students will be permitted to wear tailored shorts with ankle socks for the duration of the heatwave. The Headteacher will announce when the summer uniform is permissible.

NOTE: In all queries regarding uniform the Headteachers decision is final.

PE Uniform

- Red and white shirt
- Red and white or black shorts
- Red football socks (boys and girls)
- White sports socks for indoor (girls)

School blazers and all boys' and girls' PE clothing is available from our uniform supplier Trutex. Their details are:

Trutex.
Unit 11, Emerald Way,
Stone Business Park,
Stone,
Staffordshire,
ST15 0SR

<http://www.trutexmeir.com>

