

1 Introduction

1.1 Appropriate uniform, excellent attendance and punctuality should be absolute basics in any school which will allow pupils to focus on learning and to make progress. At Coal Clough Academy it is our policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is included in this policy. In case of any financial hardship, the school will help with cost of additional school clothing.

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 pupils with the school;
- prevents pupils from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school.
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery & Makeup

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears, small discreet watches and small objects of religious significance. We ask that pupils remove these objects during PE and Outdoor Education to prevent them from causing injury.

3.2 The school runs a Hair & Beauty programme and therefore makeup and nail varnish is permitted as long as it is not excessive.

4 Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit pupils to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children e.g. Shaved designs; Mohawk cuts.

5 Footwear

5.1 For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear black, flat, closed toe footwear. Boots should not be worn as they can present a health and safety risk.

6 Outdoor Education

6.1 All pupils will be provided with appropriate protective clothing for Outdoor Education Activities. Where a pupil is timetabled for Outdoor Education, they are not required to wear school uniform.

7 P.E

7.1 Pupils need to have trainers or plimsolls in school, which need to be worn for PE lessons. Pupils can change into their own kit or tracksuit for activities.

8 The role of parents and carers

8.1 We ask all parents and carers 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. If the school has a problem with clothing that a pupil is wearing parents will be contacted to resolve the issue.

8.2 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.

9 The role of governors

9.1 The Governing Body will monitor and review the school uniform policy through policy reviews. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps pupils to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

10 Uniform

Girls	Boys
A V neck black jumper Black trousers or skirt (knee length) Dark socks Black coloured footwear White school shirt School tie Tights should be plain black	A V neck, black jumper Black trousers Dark socks Black coloured footwear White school shirt School tie

11 Coat, Hats and Outdoor Clothing

All coats, hats and outdoor clothing must be removed on entry to the school building.

12 Non-Compliance

12.1 If a pupil attends school in breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform they may be sent home to change.

12.2 If a pupil repeatedly breaches uniform rules then it will be dealt with in line with the school's behaviour policy.