

# School Uniform Policy



## Rationale

At Keith Grammar we continually review and refine our policies and practice. We believe strong relationships are central to creating a positive learning environment; the right conditions and ethos for successful learning to take place are essential to pupil success.

The safety and wellbeing of our young people is of the utmost importance for all staff and partners in our school community.

This policy is designed to limit the opportunity for inappropriate school uniform and uphold the safeguarding principles and integrity of our school.

We firmly believe that school uniform not only encourages young people to be aspirational and responsible but also helps them feel part of our school community and be **ready** for learning. We believe school wear should be simple, affordable and inclusive. Having a consistent school uniform which encourages all our young people to take pride in their appearance also encourages everyone to be **respectful** of one another and engage in their learning in a **safe** environment. Ultimately, this ensures that all of our young people will be fully prepared for **excellent pathways** that lead to **successful futures**.

Since August 2016, Parent Council funds have allowed us to supply ties to students, and particularly, Prefects. We have also used Pupil Equity Funding to provide jumpers/shirts for those in need of these items. If there is a difficulty with meeting any part of our school wear policy please contact the appropriate Principal Teacher of Guidance. We can always help in various ways with individual circumstances or difficulties. In the 2021-22 academic year for example, pupils led part of the curriculum to create and develop a solution whereby families can now collect second hand clothing from the school, free of charge.

All pupils are required to remove outdoor items (jacket, scarves, hats etc.) before entering the classroom and so and lockers are available to store outdoor items during the day and some classrooms have coat pegs at the entrance.

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## Expectations of young people in school

### All pupils should be wearing uniform from the following options:

- Black skirt/trousers/shorts
- Black shoes (need not be formal)
- Plain white shirt/Polo shirt/T-shirt
- School tie is provided and can be worn daily/for formal occasions
  
- Black jumper/cardigan if required (non-branded)
- Prefect tie for any young person in a student leadership position
- Black blazer/jumper (with KGS badge)

### In addition to this, all pupils should:

- Not be wearing a hood over their head in class.
- Not be wearing a jacket in class or in assembly.
- Not be wearing jeans of any description
- Not be wearing tracksuits.
- Not be wearing any clothing which has branding that is not a school badge or has large logos/motifs.

**Any pupil who is not in appropriate school uniform will be offered alternative clothing to wear.**

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## PE Department Policy on Kit

A change of clothing is essential for a safe and healthy experience in Physical Education. A change of top, shorts and footwear is expected. In certain circumstances, pupils may also need a one-piece swimming costume/swimming shorts, and a towel. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor footwear and a tracksuit/waterproofs may also be worn outside. Pupils will be advised of any other clothing or equipment they might need in exceptional circumstances.

Pupil will be able to use the changing rooms in order to get changed into their PE kit. Lockers will also be available for all pupils to store PE kit and other equipment for school.

Any pupil who does not have their PE kit with them, will still be expected to actively take part in PE lessons, unless there is a valid medical reason.

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## Appendix 1 – School Uniform Policy Flow Chart

The following flowchart gives examples of the sanctions that will be used at each stage of the policy. All of these sanctions do not need to be issued at the same time. A pupil can remain at the same stage for a period of time before moving onto the next stage.

