

School Uniform

18th March 2016

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to draw your attention to the school's uniform code and remind parents, carers and students of the details. This will help to avoid conflict with students who come to school without the correct uniform and with items that need to be removed or confiscated by staff.

Most Buxton students wear their uniform appropriately every day and are a credit to the school community, although we have noticed recently that a small number are not following the uniform rules correctly. Uniform details have not changed since 2010 and are listed in the students' homework planners.

General

All students must wear the agreed uniform at all times whilst in school and whenever they are representing the school, including ***the journey to and from school and Parents' Evenings.***

Ties

Ties must be worn correctly, tied up to the neck with the school crest showing below the knot. ***Ties with threads pulled or damaged by students themselves must be replaced.***

Skirts

Skirts must be one of only the two styles that can ***only be bought from the Buxton School uniform shop.*** No other skirts are allowed.

Tights

Only plain **black** or **grey** tights are allowed.

Trousers

Trousers must be tailored, charcoal (dark) grey in colour. ***Black trousers are not allowed. Skinny/tightly fitted trousers are also not allowed.***

Shoes

Shoes must be plain black leather. Laces must be black. ***Boots, trainers and plimsolls are not allowed. This includes fabric/canvas shoes. No Vans/Converse.***

Outdoor Coats

The blazer must be worn at all times. Outdoor coats worn over the blazer on the way to and from school must be ***plain, dark coloured (black, dark grey or navy).*** ***Absolutely NO hoodies/ cardigans/sweatshirts/branded sportswear.***

Cosmetics

Students entering the site wearing obvious make-up will be asked to remove it. If they have to be asked to do so more than once on the same day, sanctions will be put in place.

False nails must not be worn in school as they are a health and safety hazard in subjects such as Food Technology, Science and PE. In addition, students do find it harder to write legibly with false nails. ***We do realise false nails are expensive, so please ensure your child does not get them during the holidays as they will be asked to get them removed.***

Students will be asked to remove nail varnish if they come to school with it on.

Jewellery and facial piercings

Jewellery such as rings, bracelets or necklaces is not permitted in school. Students are allowed to wear only ***one small (2-3 mm) plain stud earring in the lobe of each ear.*** Diamond look or coloured stones or other shapes are not allowed. Facial piercings are strictly forbidden, so please do not allow your child to get any facial piercings or extra ear piercings over the holidays as this does not comply with the school rules.

Mobile phones

We would like to thank parents for their support with the policy on bringing phones to school. Can you please remind your child that mobile phones must be handed in each morning before school and collected at the end of the day. Students are not allowed to carry a mobile phone on them during the school day, whether or not it is switched off. **If confiscated, phones can only be collected by a parent.** Parents wishing to get a message to their child during the school day should do so through the school's reception.

Additional points

Students must be prepared to learn every day. They should have the correct equipment to enable this to happen. This includes pens, pencils, a ruler, rubber, sharpener and some colouring pencils. All these should be in a pencil case. It is important that students and staff can concentrate on teaching and learning rather than wasting time on finding the right equipment.

Although most students do attend school properly equipped, we want to ensure that **ALL** students are similarly prepared.

More detailed information about school uniform is available on the school website and in student diaries.

We would like to thank you for your continued support with this.

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