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## Uniform Policy

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As part of the Trust's policy and ethos, every child should wear their school's uniform and PE kit. We believe the benefits wearing school uniform provides include:

- Creating a sense of identity for the school
- Establishing a sense of community and belonging
- Giving students a sense of pride and instilling confidence
- Creating a non-distracting environment for learning.

School uniform requirements will be published on the schools' websites in order that parents, carers and students are aware of these before expressing their preference for choice of school.

Regular reminders about the uniform will be communicated to parents, carers and students through letters and social media. All uniform should be clearly marked with the student's name.

We regularly review our school uniforms to ensure they are as cost-effective as possible and we limit the amount of compulsory 'branded' items. Financial assistance for families entitled to claim free school meals may be available and enquiries should be made through the relevant school.

**Please note that if a shop sells articles of clothing/trainers in its school section this may not mean that those items comply with our school uniform policy.** If you have a question regarding uniform or your child is considering a change to their hairstyle or a piercing, please contact your child's Teacher/Tutor/Head of Year or House for guidance.

As part of the Trust's ethos to have eco-friendly schools, 'pre-loved', second hand uniform is available for all families. Please contact the relevant school office for further information.

Students will be expected to be dressed in correct school uniform at all times throughout the school day, including on the journey to and from school.

Each school's uniform requirements are detailed in the appendices to this policy:

- Appendix A The Castle School
- Appendix B Court Fields School
- Appendix C Wellesley Park School
- Appendix D Isambard Kingdom Brunel School.

## **APPENDIX A – THE CASTLE SCHOOL**

Uniform is available from South West Schoolwear. This can be purchased online at [www.swschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.swschoolwear.co.uk) or at their shop in Taunton.

School **BOTTLE GREEN BLAZER** with The Castle School emblem. A bottle green v-neck or crew neck jumper (not sweatshirt) may be worn under the blazer. Year 11 students are permitted to wear a black v-neck or crew neck jumper (not sweatshirt) as an alternative to the school blazer. The black jumper should be plain and not have any form of logo, symbol or emblem.

**WHITE TRADITIONAL SHIRT** - not polo shirt or sports shirt (a plain, white T-shirt may be worn under the shirt). Shirts must be tucked in.

**SCHOOL TIE IN THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COLOUR** (phased in for new students admitted to the school from September 2021).

**BLACK TROUSERS, SKIRT OR SHORTS.** Corduroy trousers or shorts, denim or cotton/canvas jeans, hipster or skinny fit style trousers and trousers or shorts made from “stretchy” fabric are not permitted. Skirts must be knee-length, pleated and (see picture opposite). Shorts must be knee-length, traditional school trouser material.

**PLAIN SOCKS** - not brightly coloured. Black or flesh-coloured tights may be worn.

**PLAIN BLACK SHOES** – All shoes must have a decent sole. Shoes must be smart in appearance and should be leather or leather-type. Trainer-type smart shoes are permitted as long as they are plain black with no tags on the laces. Boots are not permitted.



### **PE KIT**

Plain **WHITE POLO SHIRT**

School **RUGBY SHIRT\*\*** or school **SWEATSHIRT**

School **SHORTS** or **SKORTS**

Long, black football **SOCKS**

Plain, black, full length **LEGGINGS** (optional)

School **DANCE TOP** (optional)

Plain, black **TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS** (optional)

### **TRAINERS**

### **FOOTBALL BOOTS**

### **SHIN PADS**

**GUM SHIELD** (strongly recommended)

\*\* Required when playing rugby as part of the curriculum. Boys currently play rugby as part of the curriculum.

Rugby shirts are optional for students playing rugby for enrichment (after-school clubs).

### **OTHER UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

**Jewellery** - students who have pierced ears may wear one pair of studs only - no other jewellery, including any other facial or body piercings, may be worn to school. Jewellery, of any sort, must not be worn whilst taking part in PE or Dance.

**Shirts** must always be tucked neatly into trousers, skirts or shorts.

**Outdoor coats:** We suggest that coats should have some reflective properties for safety so that students are visible in poor or dark weather conditions. Denim coats/jackets are not permitted. Plain scarves may be worn to and from school. Outdoor coats and scarves should not be worn within the school building. Hoodies are absolutely forbidden, apart from the Leavers’ hoodies which are a special Year 11 privilege. All hoodies will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

**Make-up** – coloured nail varnish and heavy make-up are not permitted.

**Hair** - Hair dyed in unnatural colours is not permitted. Extremes of hairstyle are not permitted.

Students will be required to modify any inappropriate dress immediately. Repeated

refusal to respond positively to this will result in a sanction in line with the school's expectations set out in the Behaviour Policy. Where appropriate, non-uniform items will be confiscated for the remainder of the school day.

## **APPENDIX B – COURT FIELDS SCHOOL**

Uniform is available from South West Schoolwear. This can be purchased online at [www.swschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.swschoolwear.co.uk) or at their shop in Taunton. Blazers, jumpers and ties are also available from [www.trutexdirect.com](http://www.trutexdirect.com) – Court Fields page.

Students from Years 7 – 11 will be expected to wear:

- **Black blazer** with Court Fields School emblem. Year 11 only may wear a plain black knitted jumper (no logo other than school logo) instead of a blazer. This can be round or 'V' neck. Sweatshirts are not allowed.
- **White traditional shirt** - not a polo or sports shirt – (a plain, white T-shirt may be worn under the shirt). Shirts must be tucked in.
- **School clip-on tie in the appropriate house colour**
- **Black trousers.** No faded trousers, chinos, denim or denim look, jeans, joggers, jeggings or leggings should be worn. Black knee-length formal tailored shorts are permitted in the summer term.
- **Black skirt.** Knee length straight or pleated tailored skirt. Skirts of a jersey or stretchy material are not allowed.
- **Plain black socks or plain black tights.**
- **Black jumper with Court Fields School emblem** to be worn under the blazer (optional).
- **Black, plain belt.** This should have a standard buckle with no extreme designs (optional).
- **Plain black leather/synthetic/leather-look shoes.** They must be practical and able to be polished. No material/canvas/suede shoes, Converse-style shoes, plimsolls, boots, or trainers. Please see our website for clear photo guidance.
- **A plain weather-proof outdoor coat.** Multi-coloured coats, denim coats or jackets, leather coats or jackets, coats with inappropriate badges or slogans, tracksuit tops, hoodies, zipped hoodies or sweatshirts are not to be worn. Students are encouraged to wear fluorescent clothing if cycling or walking to school.
- **Appropriate school bag** – of a size suitable for books/equipment and design appropriate for school (not handbags or mini cross-body bags).

Subject to reaching the standards of behaviour and effort required as a cohort, Year 11 students are allowed to wear their Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies as one of their senior privileges as of February Half Term in Year 11.

It is recommended that all items should be clearly labelled with the student's name.

**Jewellery** – Students who have their ears pierced may wear one pair of small stud earrings only (this can be in the lobe or top of the ear). Bars, hoops, or earrings other than small studs are not allowed. Facial or body piercings including nose studs or plastic retainers are not allowed. Students may wear one discreet necklace, bracelet and one ring per hand. Jewellery of any sort must be removed during PE. Students are advised, if they wish to have a piercing, to do this at the start of the Summer Holiday, so that it may be removed for school or PE as required once term starts.

**Make-up** – Should be natural looking and appropriate to a school/work setting. No long or false nails are allowed. Nail varnish must be clear or of a pale, natural colour.

**Hair** – Should be well groomed and tidy. Beads in the hair are unacceptable. Hair dyed in unnatural colours is also unacceptable. Extremes of hairstyle, including shaved patterns are not permitted. Students must be reasonably clean-shaven.

No scarves/gloves/hats are to be worn inside the school buildings. Headwear required by a religion must be plain black.

Please do check with your child's Tutor or Head of Year if you have any questions before purchasing, to ensure that your child is following the uniform expectations. As staff, we work very hard to maintain positive relationships with all of our students. We know that they will learn best if they feel calm and safe. If teachers, Tutors or TAs have to spend time addressing missing equipment, or students who are not following our basic expectations of being ready to learn, it takes time away from teaching. This means that all the children in that class miss out on learning.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION KIT**

- **Court Fields' new-style sports top** - we encourage parents to choose to have this marked with their child's initials at time of purchase
- **Black shorts or black sports leggings** (black tracksuit bottoms are optional)
- **Royal blue football socks**
- **White sports socks**
- **Trainers** (these should be sports trainers, any shoes worn as 'school shoes' are not appropriate for PE)
- **Shin pads and football boots** are compulsory for hockey and football. Football socks must be worn with shin pads
- It is compulsory that students bring a well-fitting **mouth guard for rugby and hockey**. They will not be able to take part in these sports without this equipment.
- **Court Fields' PE Hoody, Rain Jackey or Half-Zip Sports Top** (optional)
- **Games Shirt** – in House colours. This is optional for all outdoor sports, especially in the Autumn, Winter and Spring, but compulsory when playing in Rugby fixtures. Students playing in fixtures will be advised beforehand if they need to purchase one a games shirt.

As with all uniform PE Kit should be clearly marked with the student's name.

PE is a legal part of students' education and PE kit is vital. Any student not arriving in PE kit will have to borrow kit. Students who have a note to excuse them from PE must still change into their kit to play a supporting role in the lesson (unless specifically agreed otherwise with the Head of PE). If they do not bring their kits, they will be asked to use the PE Department spare stock. This is especially important in poor weather.

Students will be required to modify any inappropriate dress immediately. Repeated refusal to respond positively to this will result in a sanction in line with the school's expectations set out in the Behaviour Policy. Where appropriate, non-uniform items will be confiscated for the remainder of the school day.

## **APPENDIX C – WELLESLEY PARK SCHOOL**

**Uniform** is available from The Sporting Duchess, South Street, Wellington Tel: 01823 662120 and from South West Schoolwear, 144B East Reach, Taunton TA1 3HT. Email: [taunton@swschoolwear.co.uk](mailto:taunton@swschoolwear.co.uk)  
Tel: 01823 278080. Uniform can be ordered online at [www.swschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.swschoolwear.co.uk)

### **Uniform**

Maroon sweatshirt, jumper, cardigan (with fleece as optional)  
White shirt or white polo shirt  
Grey trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shorts  
Pink and white summer dress (optional in the summer months)  
Sensible black shoes (not boots or sandals)  
White or grey socks or grey tights

It is also useful to have an apron or old shirt to wear for art/craft activities.

Nail varnish is not allowed.

We do not allow colouring or cut-in patterns on hair.

For swimming and PE, all long hair must be tied back.



### **P.E.**

Your child requires a pair of plimsolls, a plain maroon T-shirt with a WP logo\* and a pair of black shorts for games. A bag is also needed in which to keep this kit. During the colder months, a dark-coloured tracksuit for outside P.E. is very useful. P.E. kits should be in school at all times.

\*Children are organised into House teams whilst at Wellesley Park; **MENDIP (Red)**, **BLACKDOWN (Blue)**, **QUANTOCK (Green)** and **EXMOOR (Yellow)**. Each child will wear their House coloured band when playing House team games.

### **FOREST SCHOOL**

Your child will require warm, old clothing that you do not mind them getting wet and muddy. They will also need waterproof coats, gloves and hats in the colder months, wellies or old trainers.

### **Jewellery**

In the interests of health and safety, no jewellery should be worn to school.

Studs or sleepers may be worn provided they are removed or covered with tape for P.E. Please provide your child with tape with which to do this.

We cannot accept responsibility for any losses e.g. watches. If it is valuable or precious, please keep it at home.

### **Additional recommended items**

School logo book bag  
Raincoat  
Summer hat

## **APPENDIX D – ISAMBARD KINGDOM BRUNEL SCHOOL**

**Uniform** is available from Workwear Online Ltd, Unit A12 Westpark 26, Wellington, Somerset.

**Website:** [IKB - Workwear Online \(workwearonlineltd.com\)](http://www.workwearonlineltd.com)

**Open times:** Monday to Friday 1pm – 5pm – book online for a personal shopping time to save queuing.

### **The IKB school uniform consists of:**

- Navy jumper or cardigan with school logo\*
- Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers, shorts or skirt
- White polo shirt or school shirt/blouse with or without school logo
- Grey, black, white or navy-blue socks or tights
- Sensible black shoes – no trainers, boots or Dolly style slip on shoes
- In the summer months, a blue gingham dress is optional

### **The IKB PE uniform consists of:**

- Yellow polo shirt with school logo
- Navy shorts
- Daps, plimsolls or trainers

\*Uniform can be supplemented with High Street/Supermarket jumpers as long as each child has one logo jumper or cardigan for school photos and trips.

### **Additional recommended items include:**

- School logo book bags  
All children will need a bag to bring home reading books, works of art, letters etc. A book bag is ideal for in reception and allows the child to store in in their pupil draw.
- Winter/ Summer hat
- Rain coat

### **Forest School:**

Your child will require warm, old clothing that you do not mind them getting wet and muddy. They will also need waterproof coats, gloves and hats in the colder months, wellies or old trainers.

### **Jewellery:**

Jewellery (other than plain ear studs) are not permitted. Ear studs will have to be removed for physical activities. We cannot accept responsibility for any losses e.g. watches. If it is valuable or precious, please keep it at home.

### **Hair:**

Hair should be tied back if long enough to do so. Hair ties and accessories should be navy, white or black. We do not allow colouring or cut-in patterns on hair.

### **Misc:**

Nail varnish or temporary tattoos are not allowed in school.



**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS, INCLUDING UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS, ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME.**