



School Uniform

A GUIDE TO THE RULES for STUDENTS, PARENTS and TEACHERS

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The Governors of Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form believe it is important that there exists a School Uniform Policy for the main school and that it is followed by all students, enforced by their parents and the school. A uniform helps support the ethos of the school and a student's pride and commitment to being part of it. Clear guidelines must make it easy to follow; the items should be appropriate for engaging in learning activities; and there needs to be a balance between quality and cost.

At Home

The uniform policy enables parents to follow written guidelines. There are no exceptions, and parents should not waste money on items which are not identified in the policy. Please do not accept the comment 'well, everybody else wears it'. Equally, please do not send a student to school who is not in uniform unless there is very good reason and a note is supplied. We frequently hear the excuse 'It's in the wash' – an excuse which you, as parents, would not support!

Following the code can reduce conflict for parents and avoid the cost of replacing inappropriate items.

Students

Students must take full responsibility for wearing the uniform provided for them. Many already do, but some 'push the system'. Examples include wearing hooded tops, skinny jeans, studded or large buckled belts and trainers. These items are not acceptable when in school, travelling to or from school, at break times, lunchtimes or for crossing the site.

The School

It is the job of all staff to ensure the Governors' policy on uniform is followed.

The clear message from parents, in a number of forums, is that they want the policy followed by all. Obviously, Governors and staff agree with this. A student not in uniform will result in a call to home asking for correct uniform to be delivered or agreement for the student to go home and change.

Conclusion

The task of the teaching team is to teach. Breaches of the uniform policy distract the team from this task. However, the whole community (Governors, parents, staff and students), believes uniform is important and wants high standards.

The uniform policy is what the majority would want to see. It is achievable by all.

Please let us all work together to achieve this high standard. We thank the majority of parents who, by choosing Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form as the best school for their children, support the school by following the uniform policy which was clearly identified at the time of choice.

School Uniform Policy

Our uniform code aims to help students learn how to present themselves in an appropriate manner and is based on common sense. It also highlights the need for safety when undertaking a range of school activities.

- Uniform is to be worn on the journey to and from school.
- Uniform should be smart and clean at all times and worn in a correct business-like manner.
- Hairstyles should not be extreme in either style or colour and long hair is to be tied up for Physical Education.
- Makeup must be subtle and discreet.
- Rings and other jewellery are not considered suitable for school due to health and safety reasons.
- A maximum of one pair of plain stud earrings (not hoops or other styles) can be worn, but facial and other body piercings are potentially dangerous and so not permitted. (Earrings must be removed for PE, so please think carefully about when you allow ears to be pierced.)
- Ear tunnels, stretchers and plugs are not permitted.

This policy cannot list every item that is acceptable or not acceptable. For example, we have been asked if multi-coloured striped socks would be allowed. Our view is that they would not be in keeping with the rest of the uniform style. We simply consider if the item is appropriate for school in its style or colour, or should it be part of a student's wardrobe for when they are not in school, and ask you to do likewise.

The definition of inappropriate school uniform is at the discretion of the Principal and Leadership Team.

UNIFORM LIST

GIRLS	BOYS
White long-sleeved shirts	White long-sleeved shirts
Short-sleeved shirts are acceptable uniform for the summer term	
Navy pencil skirt* or navy tailored trousers*	Navy tailored trousers*
Navy knitted jumper with school logo*	Navy knitted jumper with school logo*
Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form tie*	
Black socks or tights	Black socks
If Muslim girls choose to wear the Hijab it must be plain white or plain navy in colour	
Black belt with small buckle (optional)	
Plain black <u>shoes</u> only. These must be 'polishable' – therefore no suede, canvas or similar are allowed.	
Dark, plain coat or jacket (a hoodie is not a coat and therefore unacceptable attire)	
Blue and white stripe apron for Technology	

Games, Physical Education and Sport

GIRLS	BOYS
Towel	Towel
Black one-piece swimsuit	Black swimming trunks
White swimming hat	White swimming hat
Burgundy games polo shirt*	Burgundy games polo shirt*
Black shorts	Black shorts
Trainers that are only used for PE	Trainers that are only used for PE
Maroon socks	Maroon socks
Football boots (optional)	Football boots (optional)
	Maroon reversible rugby shirt with internal white band for outdoor sport*
	The purchase of a mouth guard is advised for safety when playing rugby
Black/navy jogging bottoms (not leggings) may be worn for outdoor sports lessons along with thermal base layers in particularly cold weather.	
Students must bring appropriate footwear for Drama lessons. This can be: plimsolls, slipper socks, trainers, dance shoes or pumps. They must be clean and have a non-slip sole.	

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL CLOTHING IS CLEARLY NAMED

School Outfitters

All items of uniform marked by an (*) are to be purchased from the official suppliers of Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form uniform:

John Lewis, All Saints' Green, Norwich, NR1 3LX.

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