



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 6th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Proposed Changes to School Uniform from September 2026

We are currently reviewing our school uniform policy to strengthen our identity and sense of pride within the wider community.

The Department of Education strongly encourage schools to have a uniform as it can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of the school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

By creating a common identity amongst all pupils, regardless of background, a school uniform can act as a social leveller. It can reduce bullying and peer pressure to wear the latest fashions or other expensive clothes.

If, however, the uniform is too expensive it can place an unreasonable burden on families. Furthermore, if a distinction can be made between those who can afford it and those who cannot, this can reduce the benefits of a uniform and has the potential to negatively impact attendance, access and participation, and lead to bullying.

As you may be aware, the new Schools Bill, due to be passed in 2026, places an emphasis on ensuring school uniforms are both affordable and of good quality.

In preparation for this, we have carefully considered the most cost-effective and practical options available, balancing quality and durability against value for money.

We are now seeking your views regarding proposed changes to our uniform policy, along with a consideration for what will be Year 11 next year. Any changes will not take effect until September 2026, and we are not making any changes to the current uniform policy this year.

We have selected 2 uniform options, along with a consideration regarding Year 11 uniform next year, and welcome your responses in shaping our appearance going forward.

Both options have been chosen with affordability and durability in mind, and meet the anticipated 2026 Schools Bill requirement that will limit all schools to 4 branded items.

Please take time to read the following proposal and submit your views using the link and QR code provided at the end of this letter. Written responses should be addressed to the Headteacher and can be posted or handed in at Reception.

The deadline for parental feedback is 3.00pm, Friday 24th October 2025.



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Option 1 – A More 'Traditional' Uniform

Branded Items

- Black blazer
- School tie
- Black school skirt
- PE polo shirt

Non-branded Items

- White shirt
- Black school trousers /shorts
- Black V-neck jumper
- Black socks
- Black shoes
- Black PE shorts

Option 2 – A More 'Modern' Uniform

Branded Items

- School tie
- Black V-neck school jumper
- Black school skirt
- PE polo shirt

Non-branded items

- White shirt
- Black School trousers/shorts
- Black socks
- Black shoes
- Black PE shorts

For both proposed options, the following optional items also apply:

Optional Items

- Rugby Shirt (branded)
- Outdoor PE Top (branded)
- Football socks (branded)
- Overcoat (non-branded)
- Plain black base layers (non-branded)
- Plain black jogging bottoms (non-branded)
- Plain black skort (non-branded)

Students have the option to wear either the branded school skirt or school trousers/shorts instead. All other aspects of our current uniform policy, regarding types of shoe, hairstyles, jewellery, make-up and expectations in PE lessons remain unchanged, and can be found in our current policy here: [Wadham School - School Uniform](#)

Year 11 Consideration

We are mindful that Year 11 students are only with us for their final year, and any changes to uniform may place an unreasonable financial burden on families.

We are seeking your views regarding a consideration that Year 11 next year are NOT expected to change their uniform and will complete their time at Wadham following the current uniform policy.

We would very much value your thoughts on these proposals. Example images of both options can be found at the end of this letter, given as a guide only as we gather feedback.

Thank you for your continued support in shaping the future of Wadham School.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Burgas
Headteacher

Example Images of Proposed Branded Items

Schools are required to complete a competitive tender process with suppliers in order to ensure that the best quality items are sourced at the most affordable rates for families.

The images below are generic, stock images of the items we would consider branded and compulsory from 2026. Images are for BOTH options being considered, but only 4 would be taken forward, once a decision has been reached.

Images of other items can be found on our website and in our uniform policy.



Black Blazer branded with the Wadham School logo.



Black, branded skirt with colour piping in keeping with Wadham School colours.



Branded, Wadham School PE Shirt.



Black V-Neck Jumper branded with the Wadham School logo.



Branded, clip-on Wadham School tie.



Have Your Say!

Please use this link or the QR code above to share your views regarding Wadham School Uniform from September 2026. The deadline for submission is 3.00pm, Friday 24TH October.

<https://forms.office.com/e/2cP7Bd650Q>