



Wadham School

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"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

RE: Changes to Uniform Policy – 06.10.23

This letter is to give you information and guidance on the changes to the Wadham School Uniform Policy, approved by the School Governing Body last week on Thursday 28th September.

Working with members of our student council, and having considered feedback from our wider student and parent voice, we're pleased to announce what we believe are positive changes regarding our uniform policy.

The uniform policy has been re-written to make the expectations of the school very clear when it comes to uniform. Aspects of the uniform policy have a picture and clear description as to the expectations of the school. At the same time, we have streamlined all existing information into one policy, so that parents and students have everything in one place.

There are three clear changes to the uniform policy:

1. The wording on an acceptable skirt is now clearer with visual examples of acceptable skirts.
2. The rules around footwear have been relaxed. We recognise that it is becoming increasingly difficult to purchase shoes in line with our previous policy and therefore have changed the requirements of the policy. However, we are still very clear that trainers are not an acceptable shoe to wear to school, these include Nike Air Forces.
3. The policy on Jewellery has also been relaxed in specific areas. Pupils are now allowed 1 small discrete nose stud (no rings or larger studs will be permitted) and pupils can wear discrete earrings (no bars, Spacers, disks or dangling earrings).

Please note that all jewellery must be removed for every PE lesson, even if a piercing is still healing. We recommend that your son / daughter does not have any new piercings during term time, unless they are prepared to remove them.

Wadham students will be smart, with a consistent appearance and at a standard expected in our working environment set out by the uniform policy and information in this letter. We ask all families to be part of this so that we do not have instances where students feel there are inconsistencies or others are getting away with infringements. We really want to spend our time concentrating on supporting young people educationally and pastorally to achieve their very best, and be the best person they can be. However, to be consistent and fair to everyone, we will be enforcing to the standard communicated and expected.

School gates open at 8am each day and a member of staff will be checking uniform. Communication home will be made if there is an issue. We ask that parents and carers be proactive by checking uniform daily and having different, acceptable options available in case an item of uniform becomes dirty or damaged.



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We can offer support to any family who may find it hard financially to have this in place for their child. This may come in the form of helping you source correct uniform or helping with financial plans to allow implementation by all families.

We understand that a number of girls' skirts will need to be replaced in order to meet this policy, but would like to point out this is not a new change, but a reaffirming of what already was our expectation in this regard. As such, we are happy to work with families by asking that skirts are purchased and can be worn correctly from Monday 30th October. This gives families enough time to make any necessary changes.

The full policy and a copy of our uniform order form can be found on the Uniform page on our website: [Wadham School - School Uniform](#)

We would like to thank everyone in advance for making sure correct uniform is worn and policy is followed, so that the focus of staff attention can be given to the learning and well-being of the students in our care.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicky Finch". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Nicky Finch
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