

# Wilson's School



## Uniform Policy

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### 1. Introduction

**1.1** Wilson's School maintains this policy in line with DfE statutory and non-statutory guidance and in recognition of the important role that uniform plays in promoting a sense of pride in the school, and supporting an environment focused on learning. Wearing a uniform helps pupils feel part of the wider school community and ensures that expectations of dress are fair and consistent. Pupils are expected to take responsibility for their appearance and ensure that they adhere to the school uniform requirements within and on their way to and from school.

**1.2** The school's uniform is designed to be practical, suitable for everyday school activities, and smart in appearance. Wearing uniform ensures that all pupils are treated equally in terms of appearance.

**1.3** All pupils are required to wear the correct school uniform when attending school, or participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours, unless the school has clearly stated that school uniform is not required (e.g. a charity non-uniform day or educational visits where alternative clothing may be more appropriate).

**1.4** Specific uniform expectations apply to pupils in years 7 to 11 and to students in the Sixth Form. This policy is related to and must be read alongside the Behaviour Code of Conduct which includes further information about the requirements for appearance such as hairstyles and the wearing of jewellery. The dress requirements for Sixth Form are set out in the Sixth Form Agreement.

**1.5** This policy is reviewed biennially and published on the school's website so that it is readily accessible to all current and prospective parents.

### 2. The Role of Parents

**2.1** Parents are expected to support the implementation of this policy. They play a key role in ensuring that their child arrives at school correctly dressed, with uniform that is clean, well-maintained, and worn in accordance with the school's expectations.

### 3. The School Uniform

**3.1** Uniform requirements have been determined with careful consideration of affordability, value for money, and durability, in line with the statutory DfE guidance: [Cost of school uniform](#). Required items have been reviewed to ensure they are of good quality, machine washable, long-lasting, and suitable for regular use.

**3.2** The school limits the use of compulsory branded items to support affordability. Only a small number of items – including the school blazer – must be purchased from a designated supplier. All

other compulsory items may be purchased from a wide range of retailers, provided they meet the school's colour and style specifications.

**3.3** The school monitors supplier performance (quality of uniform, pricing, etc) and conducts periodic reviews to ensure that parents receive value for money.

### 3.5 Uniform for pupils in years 7 to 11.

Item	Detail	Purchase from?
<b>Normal School Uniform</b>		
School blazer	Wilson's School crest on blazer pocket	Cladish
School tie	Wilson's stripe Year 7-8 – black, yellow, white stripe Years 9-11 – with the addition of the House colour	Cladish
Shirt	White with collar (long or short sleeve)	Any retailer
Trousers	Dark grey (charcoal) or black (suitable school trouser cut)	Any retailer
Socks	Black or dark grey	Any retailer
Jumper (optional item)	Black V neck	Any retailer
Shoes	Formal black leather/leather look No trainer style shoes No suede shoes	Any retailer
Apron for Science/Art/DT	White	Any retailer
Coat	Smart and plain (reflective strips for safety in Winter months are permitted), Not leather or denim; so-called 'hoodies' are not permitted.	Any retailer
<b>Sports/PE Kit</b>		
Tracksuit (bottoms and top)	Black Macron with "Wilson's" printed on the back and embroidered school crest	Cladish  *Embroidered <u>with initials only</u> (both top and bottom)
Games top	Black and yellow Macron with "non sibi sed omnibus" on collar and embroidered with school crest.	Cladish  *Embroidered with name (first name and last name)

Shorts	Black PE shorts (no branding permitted)	Any approved retailer
Socks	Black knee-length socks (no branding permitted)	Any retailer
Shin guards	Slip in type	Any retailer
Indoor trainers	Plain white, non-marking gum rubber soles	Any retailer
Outdoor trainers	Plain 'triple black' (no stripes or flashes). Pupils need shoes suitable for use on the Astroturfs and for outdoor games. This can be the same pair of shoes.	Any retailer
Baselayer (optional item)	Black	Any retailer

**3.6** The items detailed in the table above must be labelled or embroidered with the child's name/initials.

#### **4. Variations to School Uniform**

**4.1** Wilson's School recognises that, on occasion and in line with the Equality Act 2010 and Human Rights Act, individual pupils may require variations to the standard school uniform, including to dress requirements in the Sixth Form. Such variations may be needed for personal, practical, religious, or wellbeing reasons, whether temporary or long term. The school will consider requests for alternative arrangements on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the needs of the pupil, external expert advice and the requirement to maintain a consistent, fair and practical uniform for all.

**4.2** Reasonable adjustments may include the use of alternative items, adaptations to existing items, or flexibility within the range of uniform options already available. Any adjustments agreed will aim to support the pupil's comfort, dignity and full participation in school life.

**4.3** Parents or pupils wishing to discuss a possible variation should contact the relevant director of key stage in the first instance. Supporting information will be requested and the advice of independent, expert professionals sought to ensure that appropriate and proportionate adjustments are made.

**4.4** All approved variations will be managed sensitively and discreetly. No pupil will be treated unfavourably for having an agreed adjustment to their uniform.

## **5. Hardship**

### **5.1**

Support with the cost of school uniform is available for families whose children are eligible for free school meals. Initial assistance may be requested from the Finance Office when a pupil joins the school in Year 7. Any need for replacement items during the pupil's time at the school will be managed through the relevant key stage Pupil Support Manager.

**5.2** Where families experience financial difficulty for any other reason, they may apply to the Finance Office for assistance with uniform costs on joining the school. If replacement items of school uniform are needed at a later stage and affordability is an issue, parents should contact the relevant key stage Pupil Support Manager, who will offer guidance and arrange support where appropriate. All applications are considered on an individual basis and handled in strict confidence.

## **6. Second Hand Uniform**

**6.1** To assist families, second-hand blazers are offered for sale to all parents at a very low fixed price by Cladish and can be purchased either online or in store. All other items of uniform may be purchased new from approved suppliers or from any retailer where generic items are permitted.

## **7. Stakeholder Engagement and Review**

**7.1** Parents should contact their child's head of year if they have suggestions or concerns about uniform cost, design, supplier or second-hand availability.

**7.2** This policy will be reviewed in Autumn 2027.