



School Uniform Policy

Policy title:	School Uniform Policy
Function:	For information and guidance about uniform expectations for students at The Blue Coat School. This document forms part of a portfolio of policies that are designed to inform students, parents staff.
Status:	Approved
Statutory guidance:	Department for Education: Behaviour and Discipline in Schools (2022) Department for Education: School Uniform Guidance (2021) Education and Inspections Act 2006 Equality Act 2010
Audience:	Students, Staff, Parents/Carers, Leaders, Trustees, General public
Ownership:	Board of Trustees, Headteacher
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Reviewed by:	Trust Board
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Aims and objectives

At the Blue Coat School our vision is simple. All that we do is focused on developing exceptionally well-rounded individuals with the skills to thrive and positively contribute in a rapidly changing society. This is underpinned by our unrelenting focus on:

Inspiring excellence

Excellence is not something that is simply achieved. It something that we always strive for so that we can continually create opportunity and enhance the life chances of talented young people from broad and diverse backgrounds. The best is not, however, always the easiest. Our staff and learners will be resilient, and able to overcome barriers and challenges to ensure that potential is unlocked.

Shaping character

Our learners leave us not just knowing how to do things, but how to do things in the right way for the right reasons. That is why humility and integrity are the key pillars of our community, and the basis for how we treat one another. They ensure we have a culture where individuals are treated with care and compassionate respectfulness.

Forging futures

Every member of our community will leave us embracing their strengths and with ambition and aspiration as to how they can contribute positively to the modern world they are entering. Our students will become the leaders of tomorrow.

By extension, our values, approach and ethos are embodied in, and implemented through, our policies and procedures. They are the framework to support all that we do and achieve.

The purpose of the policy is to:

- Provide a clear and consistent framework for school uniform expectations that supports the school's vision and ethos and contributes to a sense of belonging and pride among students.
- Enable the Board of Trustees and school leadership to uphold standards that promote equity, inclusion and a positive learning environment through a uniform approach that is practical, respectful of diversity and reflective of the values of The Blue Coat School.
- Support the school community in maintaining high expectations for student appearance, helping to reduce peer pressure and distractions, and reinforcing a culture of discipline, self-respect, and readiness to learn.
- Ensure alignment with national guidance and statutory responsibilities, including:

Department for Education: *School Uniform: Guidance for Governing Bodies, School Leaders, School Staff and Local Authorities (2023)*

Equality Act 2010: ensuring policies do not discriminate unlawfully on the basis of protected characteristics

Department for Education: *Behaviour in Schools: Advice for Headteachers and School Staff (2022)*

Roles and responsibilities

The Board of Trustees will ensure this policy:

- Complies with national guidance and statutory requirements
- Is applied consistently and fairly
- Is reviewed regularly

The Headteacher will:

- Ensure the policy is communicated effectively and enforced consistently
- Support staff in implementing the policy
- Make decisions on exceptional cases and requests for adjustments

The Achievement Progress Leaders and Form Tutors will:

- Monitor student compliance with the uniform policy daily
- Support students in meeting uniform expectations
- Communicate with parents where there are concerns

Parents and Carers will:

- Ensure their child attends school in full, correct uniform every day
- Communicate any concerns or difficulties regarding uniform

Students will:

- Take personal responsibility for wearing the correct uniform
- Show pride in their appearance and school identity

Procedures and practices

General principles

Uniform must be worn correctly at all times including on the journey to and from school.

Uniform requirements apply equally to all students with adjustments available where appropriate.

Students must maintain a clean and tidy appearance.

The school reserves the right to make decisions about uniform compliance in line with this policy.

Uniform expectations

Compulsory Items (Years 7-11)

- School blazer, blue braid and blue cord
- Grey V neck jumper or cardigan with Blue Coat crest
- White shirt
- Charcoal grey regular fit trousers (not slim fit, tight fitting or bootleg)
or
Knee length pleated charcoal grey skirt
- School tie
- Plain black shoes that can be polished
- Grey socks or grey tights
- Dark hair bobbles to tie hair back where required
- No jewellery is permitted including earrings and facial piercings
- Nail polish, false eyelashes and make up are not permitted

PE Kit

- BCS house PE shirt
- BCS quarter zip training shirt
- BCS royal blue shorts or skirt
- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms (BCS or plain, no branding allowed) and/or BCS leggings
- BCS royal blue PE socks
- Trainers (no black soles)
- Football boots
- Shin pads
- Black or navy blue swimming shorts or swimming costume
- Towel
- Swimming hat and goggles

Compulsory Items (Years 12-13)

- School blazer, yellow braid and yellow cord
- Grey or navy V neck jumper or cardigan with Blue Coat crest
- White shirt
- Charcoal grey regular fit trousers (not slim fit, tight fitting or bootleg)
or
Knee length pleated navy skirt
- School tie
- Plain black shoes that can be polished with heel no greater than 3 cm
- Dark hair bobbles to tie hair back where required
- A single stud earring in each ear is permitted
- Any other jewellery including facial piercings are not permitted
- Natural nail polish is permitted
- Make up including false eyelashes is not permitted

Non-compliance

Persistent non-compliance will be dealt with under the school's behaviour policy.

Parents/carers will be contacted when students fail to meet expectations.

Reasonable Adjustments

The school will consider reasonable requests for adjustments to uniform based on:-

Religious beliefs
Cultural traditions
Medical needs
Special educational needs or disabilities

Purchasing and Affordability

The school is committed to keeping uniform costs reasonable and avoids unnecessary branded items.

Pre-owned uniform is available via the school's pre-loved uniform scheme, further information can be found here: <https://www.bluecoatschoolliverpool.org.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=71>

Monitoring, review and evaluation

The Board of Trustees will monitor the effectiveness of this policy.

The Headteacher and Senior Leaders will evaluate implementation through uniform checks.

Annex A: School Uniform Years 7-11

School expects students to wear the school uniform smartly when at school and when travelling to and from school.

All items of uniform should be clearly marked with your full name.

All students

School Uniform

- ✓ School blazer, blue braid and blue cord
- ✓ Grey V neck jumper or cardigan with Blue Coat crest
- ✓ White shirt
- ✓ Charcoal grey regular fit trousers (not slim-fit, tight-fitting or bootleg)
- OR
- ✓ Knee length pleated charcoal grey skirt
- ✓ Plain black shoes that can be polished
- ✓ Grey socks or grey tights
- ✓ School tie
- ✓ Lanyard and student card (supplied by school)
- ✓ Dark hair bobbles to tie hair back where required
- ✓ No jewellery is permitted, including earrings and facial piercings
- ✓ Nail polish, false eyelashes and make-up are not permitted

PE Kit

- ✓ BCS house PE shirt
- ✓ BCS quarter zip training top
- ✓ BCS royal blue shorts or skort
- ✓ Navy blue tracksuit bottoms (BCS or **PLAIN** – no obvious branding) and/or BCS leggings
- Other Equipment:**
- ✓ BCS royal blue PE socks
- ✓ Trainers (no black soles)
- ✓ Football boots
- ✓ Shin pads
- ✓ Navy blue/black swimming shorts or costume, swimming hat, goggles and towel (Year 7 only)

All of our branded uniform can be purchased from:

Trutex Schoolwear AMJ, 48-50 London Road, Liverpool, L3 5NF. Tel: 0151 709 7009

or

Liverpool Schoolwear, 298 St. Mary's Road, Liverpool, L19 0NQ. Tel: 0151 345 3797

Annex B: School Uniform Years 12-13

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- ✓ School blazer, yellow braid and yellow cord
- ✓ Grey or navy V neck jumper or cardigan with Blue Coat crest
- ✓ White shirt
- ✓ School tie
- ✓ Grey regular fit trousers (not slim fit, tight fitting or bootleg)
- OR
- ✓ Knee length pleated navy skirt
- ✓ Either grey or navy socks or navy tights
- ✓ Plain black shoes that can be polished with heel no greater than 3 cm
- ✓ Dark hair bobbles to tie hair back
- ✓ A single stud earring in each ear is permitted
- ✓ Facial piercings are not permitted