



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
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The Blue Coat School Aims and Objectives

At The Blue Coat School Liverpool, every student belongs, is valued, and is empowered to thrive. Guided by Non Sibi Sed Omnibus — not for oneself but for all — we honour our story with honesty while forging a modern, inclusive future.

We celebrate individuality and champion diversity, inspiring students to flourish in their own way with confidence, curiosity, resilience, and kindness.

Our vision is to ignite ambition and nurture integrity and compassion, preparing young people to shape a fairer, brighter world — in Liverpool and beyond.

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 (2025)

Department for Education: Cost of School Uniforms – Statutory Guidance (2025)

Education and Inspections Act 2006

Equality Act 2010

Human Rights Act 1998

Children Act 1989

Children Act 2004

Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE, 2025)

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 Heads of Year 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

The school operates a Gate to Gate approach to uniform standards. School uniform must be worn correctly at all times, including on the journey to and from school. Students are expected to maintain high standards of appearance and represent the school positively from the point at which they enter the school site through either the Prince Alfred Road Gate or the Main Reception Electric Gate, until they leave the school site through either gate at the end of the school day.

Uniform requirements apply equally to all students. Students must maintain a clean, tidy and professional appearance at all times. The school reserves the right to make decisions regarding uniform compliance in accordance with this policy.

Uniform expectations

Please see Appendix C, which outlines the full uniform expectations for all students, including compulsory items. Parents and students are expected to refer to this appendix for detailed guidance to ensure compliance with the school's uniform requirements at all times. Examples of suitable footwear can be found in Appendix D.

Non-compliance

Where a student arrives at school without the correct uniform, the school may provide a temporary replacement item or implement appropriate sanctions in line with the behaviour Policy

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 adjustments to uniform requirements in accordance with the Equality Act 2010, including adjustments relating to religion or belief, disability, medical needs, sensory needs and special educational needs.

Purchasing and Affordability

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

The school will work with families experiencing financial hardship and will provide information about any available support, including second-hand uniform schemes and hardship funding where applicable.

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.



Year 7 - 11 Expectations – Attendance, Appearance, Behaviour, Safety & Property Appendix A

Attendance	Appearance	Conduct	Safety	Property
Full time attendance and presence at all registration periods and timetabled lessons is required. Students must be in School by 8.40am and should be punctual for all parts of the School day. If students are late for School, they must report to the School Office to sign in late. Arrival after 9.30am will be classed as an absence and a Request for Absence form must be completed via the School website. Absence must be reported to the School Office by parents before 9.30am on the first day of absence. Parents must also explain the absence by phoning or emailing the School Office. Pre-arranged appointments must be notified to the School by parents in writing using the Request for leave of absence form available on the School website. The School requests that all appointments are arranged outside of the School day, where possible and that evidence is provided. For illness or accident, students must in the first instance go to the School Office. No student can go home without permission from a Head of Year or senior staff. All students leaving the School premises for any reason MUST sign out.	School uniform is compulsory for all students. The school operates a Gate to Gate approach to uniform standards. School uniform must be worn correctly at all times, including on the journey to and from school. All items of uniform must be clearly marked with your name. Shirts should be tucked inside trousers or skirts. Top buttons must be fastened, and ties worn neatly. Skirts must be no shorter than knee length. Make-up is not permitted, false eyelashes are not permitted. Nail polish and/or false nails are not permitted. Students must not wear earrings, facial piercings, or jewellery. Hair must be clean, neat and tidy and of one natural colour. All hair past shoulder length must be tied back around school and in lessons. Boys with facial hair are expected to keep it short and neat. The School reserves the right to make individual decisions about the suitability of a student's appearance and uniform whilst in School and will advise parents if necessary. Sixth form students may be sent home to change. School shoes should be black and polishable. Trainers or boots are not permitted. While this policy sets out the school's general approach to behaviour and disciplinary procedures, the Headteacher reserves the right to exercise professional judgement and make decisions on individual cases as appropriate, taking into account the specific context and circumstances involved.	Students are expected to refrain from rudeness, discrimination, bullying, aggression, or any form of violence. Students are expected to be polite, kind and supportive of others. Students are expected to respect others' privacy. Students must never open another student's locker or bag and must not attempt to access another student's online user accounts. Gambling of any kind is not permitted. Students are expected to follow instructions given by all School staff. Students are expected to keep the School clean, tidy and free of litter and chewing gum. Hot food and drinks are not permitted to be brought onto School Premises. Students are expected to have positive attitudes to learning and classroom work and submit homework on time. Students are expected to take great care and pride with their books and school resources.	Students are expected to keep themselves and others safe. They should never be in possession of offensive weapons, smoking materials, drugs or alcohol or any prohibited item. Students must not enter licensed premises whilst identifiable as a Blue Coat student. Students must not activate the fire alarm without good and clear reason. Students are expected to be vigilant for safety. Students are expected to contribute to an orderly, calm and safe School environment. Students must not run on corridors. Students must adhere to the ICT AUP and ensure that they maintain high standards of behaviour and conduct when online.	Expensive items (e.g. mobile phones, musical instruments or bicycles) should be covered by parents' insurance and clearly marked with the student's name. Bicycles must be stored in the bike racks provided by the School. We advise that non-essential valuables should not be brought to School. The School cannot be responsible for them. Loss of personal valuables should be reported to the School Office as soon as possible. Students must not have mobile phones or smart watches or air pods/earphones out in lessons, on corridors or at social times. They must be switched off and out of sight at all times. The school operates a Gate to Gate approach to mobile phones, smart watches and air pods/earphones. Mobile phones, smart watches and air pods/earphones will be confiscated if seen by a member of staff. Students will be issued an afterschool detention and will need to collect them from the School Office at the end of the day.



Year 12-13 Expectations – Attendance, Appearance, Behaviour, Safety & Property Appendix B

Attendance	Appearance	Conduct	Safety	Property
Full time attendance and presence at all registration periods and timetabled lessons is required. Students must be in School by 8.40am and should be punctual for all parts of the School day. If students are late for School, they must report to the School Office to sign in late. Arrival after 9.30am will be classed as an absence and a Request for Absence form must be completed via the School website. Sixth Form students are permitted to leave the School premises from 12.30pm provided this is during lunchtime or a study period. Absence must be reported to the School Office by parents before 9.30am on the first day of absence. Parents must also explain the absence by phoning or emailing the School Office. Pre-arranged appointments must be notified to the School by parents in writing using the Request for leave of absence form available on the School website. The School requests that all appointments are arranged outside of the School day, where possible and that evidence is provided. For illness or accident, students must in the first instance go to the School Office. No student can go home without permission from a Key Stage Leader or senior staff. All students leaving the School premises for any reason MUST sign out.	School uniform is compulsory for all students. The school operates a Gate to Gate approach to uniform standards. School uniform must be worn correctly at all times, including on the journey to and from school. All items of uniform must be clearly marked with your name. Shirts should be tucked inside trousers or skirts. Top buttons must be fastened, and ties worn neatly. Skirts must be no shorter than knee length. Sixth Form students only are permitted to wear a single stud in each ear. No other jewelry is permitted. Natural-looking make-up may be worn. Make-up should be discreet and appropriate for the school environment. False eyelashes are not permitted. False nails are not permitted. Hair must be clean, neat and tidy and of one natural colour. All hair past shoulder length must be tied back around school and in lessons. Boys with facial hair are expected to keep it short and neat. The School reserves the right to make individual decisions about the suitability of a student's appearance and uniform whilst in School and will advise parents if necessary. Sixth form students may be sent home to change. School shoes should be black and polishable. Trainers or boots are not permitted. While this policy sets out the school's general approach to behaviour and disciplinary procedures, the Headteacher reserves the right to exercise professional judgement and make decisions on individual cases as appropriate, taking into account the specific context and circumstances involved.	Students are expected to refrain from rudeness, discrimination, bullying, aggression, or any form of violence. Students are expected to be polite, kind and supportive of others. Students are expected to respect others' privacy. Students must never open another student's locker or bag and must not attempt to access another student's online user accounts. Gambling of any kind is not permitted. Students are expected to follow instructions given by all School staff. Students are expected to keep the School clean, tidy and free of litter and chewing gum. Hot food and drinks are not permitted to be brought onto School Premises. Hot drinks bought in the Bistro should not leave sixth form. Students are expected to have positive attitudes to learning and classroom work and submit homework on time. Students are expected to take great care and pride with their books and school resources.	Students are expected to keep themselves and others safe. They should never be in possession of offensive weapons, smoking materials, drugs or alcohol or any prohibited item. Students must not enter licensed premises whilst identifiable as a Blue Coat student. Students must not activate the fire alarm without good and clear reason. Students are expected to be vigilant for safety. Students are expected to contribute to an orderly, calm and safe School environment. Students must not run on corridors. Students must adhere to the ICT AUP and ensure that they maintain high standards of behaviour and conduct when online.	Expensive items (e.g. mobile phones, musical instruments or bicycles) should be covered by parents' insurance and clearly marked with the student's name. Bicycles must be stored in the bike racks provided by the School. We advise that non-essential valuables should not be brought to School. The School cannot be responsible for them. Loss of personal valuables should be reported to the School Office as soon as possible. Students must not have mobile phones or smart watches or air pods/earphones out in lessons or on corridors. They must be switched off and out of sight at these times. Sixth form are permitted to use their mobile phone in the sixth form common room only. Mobile phones, smart watches and air pods/earphones will be confiscated if seen by a member of staff if out in lesson or on corridors. Students will be issued an afterschool detention and will need to collect them from the School Office at the end of the day.

Appendix C: School Uniform Expectations

School uniform expectations	
School expects students to wear the school uniform smartly when at school and when travelling to and from school. <i>All items of uniform should be clearly marked with your full name.</i>	
Y7-11	
✓ 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. ✓ Plain black shoes that can be polished. ✓ Grey socks or grey tights. ✓ School tie. ✓ Dark hair bobbles to tie back hair that is shoulder length or longer. ✓ No jewellery is permitted, including earrings and facial piercings. ✓ Nail polish, false eyelashes and make-up are not permitted. ✓ Hair must be of one natural colour	
Y7-11 PE KIT	
✓ BCS house PE Shirt (compulsory) ✓ BCS quarter zip training shirt (Optional) ✓ Royal blue shorts or skort ✓ Navy blue tracksuit bottoms and/or leggings ✓ Royal blue PE socks ✓ Trainers (No black soles) ✓ Football boots ✓ Shin pads ✓ Swimming shorts or swimming costume ✓ Towel ✓ Swimming hat and goggles	
Y12-13	
✓ 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 3cm.	

- ✓ 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.
 - ✓ Natural-looking make-up may be worn.
 - ✓ Hair must be of one natural colour

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

Appendix D: School Shoes

Our school uniform states that students should wear black polishable shoes.

Here are some examples of school shoes that would meet the criteria set out in our uniform policy:



Here are some examples of school shoes that do not meet the criteria set out in our uniform policy:

