



Marshland

HIGH SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

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1. Purpose of Policy

1.1 Objectives of Policy

Our aim is to have a school uniform policy that provides students with a sense of identity, promotes an environment that is conducive to learning and is affordable.

1.2 Affordability

There are a few items in our uniform that can be purchased only from our uniform supplier - Price and Buckland. Many other items can be purchased from any retail or online shop, allowing parents the choice to shop around for the best price.

All students in Year 7 will be provided with the following compulsory items free of charge:

- 1 school jacket
- 1 house tie
- 1 pair of trousers or a skirt.

These are the only compulsory items that must be procured from the approved school uniform supplier.

All other items of the school uniform, including PE Kit, are not branded and can therefore be purchased from the High Street or online.

Parents who require financial assistance with the purchase of uniform items may receive financial support up to 75% of the cost. Applications with appropriate evidence can be made via the Marshland Finance Office.

1.3 Second Hand Uniforms

To support sustainability, we encourage families to return good-quality used uniform items to school, which allows us to donate or share with other families who may be experiencing difficulties.

2. Marshland School Uniform

2.1 Compulsory uniform consists of:

- Grey jacket with blue heron logo and trim
- Grey trousers for boys and girls with the addition of grey tartan pleated skirt (all with heron logo). Skirts should be worn just above the waist and must not be rolled at the waist to shorten the length. Skirts must also not be altered (shortened) without prior approval from the pastoral or Senior Leadership team.
- House colour tie

2.2 Non-compulsory optional item:

- Grey fine knit sweater with royal blue stripe on the collar

2.3 PE Uniform consists of:

- White short sleeved polo shirt/T-shirt
- Navy blue or black shorts/Skort
- Navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms/sports leggings

- Navy blue or black long sports/football socks
- Short white socks
- Training shoes for indoor use only, not AstroTurf trainers which can damage floors
- Training shoes / Football boots suitable for outdoor use
- The school will provide other Sports equipment such as hockey sticks, etc.
- Optional Marshland branded and non-branded PE Kit is available from Price & Buckland (whilst stocks last).

If a student forgets their PE kit it is expected that they borrow kit from the school.

Important – All students are expected to wear their hair up for PE lessons. All jewellery including earrings and other piercings must be removed or covered up to ensure the safety of students during physical activity.

2.4 Uniform for all students:

- Plain grey or black socks or plain grey, black or flesh-coloured tights (no over-knee socks or socks with tassels/bows)
- School coat - plain, without logo, warm and waterproof (**No denim, hoodies or sports tops**)
- Plain white shirt or blouse with stiff collar (**No polo shirts except in PE**)
- Flat black, plain, leather-type shoes with enclosed toe and heel (**No boots, sandals, trainers / trainer-style shoes. No decorative fashion accessories such as buckles and beads, etc.**)
- We recommend a plain sturdy backpack, ideally black or navy and free from logos and branding. Fashion handbags are not appropriate.
- Belts where worn should be plain black or grey with a small buckle (**Not decorative, fashion or designer**)

Other prohibited items that the Senior Leadership team deem inappropriate for school (**Please consult with school or website before purchasing if you are unsure**).

If pupils are found to be wearing the uniform incorrectly or incorrect uniform or inappropriate clothing we may contact parents to resolve the issue. Pupils may be sent home to change and we may issue sanctions if the uniform is not as listed above, or if it is worn incorrectly. The Headteacher reserves the right to determine what is, or is not, acceptable in respect of what and how the uniform is worn.

Full school uniform should be worn correctly on the way to school, throughout the school day, and on the journey home. On warmer summer days a “no jacket/jumper” instruction may be issued whereby students do not have to wear their jackets or jumpers in lessons or around the school building. However, jackets need to be brought into school and kept in a school bag so that they can be worn for formal occasions such as assemblies. If students have PE as their last lesson of the day, they can choose to remain in their PE kit to travel home.

2.5 Jewellery & Watches

Pupils may wear:

- a watch (no smart watches, iWatches, etc as outlined in our mobile phone and device policy),
- one signet ring
- up to one pair of small ear studs (one stud in each lobe) only.

No other jewellery such as bracelets, additional rings and other piercings are permitted. If pupils have any other visible piercings, including piercing retainers, these must be removed during the school day. See notes above about PE and Jewellery.

Expensive items should not be worn and the school will take no responsibility for their security.

2.6 Make-Up & Hair

Students may wear a small amount of discreet foundation make up in a natural colour. Students may be asked to remove any make-up that staff consider inappropriate. Coloured nail varnish, non-natural eyebrows, false nails, and nail or eyelash extensions are not permitted. Clear nail varnish is acceptable.

Hair should be kept neat and tidy and any hair accessories, bows, etc should be small, plain and grey or black coloured only. Extreme hairstyles - such as shaved emblems or lines, unnatural colour dyes, or extreme differences in length are not allowed.

If you are unsure whether a hairstyle or piercing meets our uniform guide, please contact the school for guidance before any treatment. The Headteacher reserves the right to determine what does, or does not, constitute an extreme hairstyle.

Failure to follow these expectations could result in a period of time in internal exclusion or suspension, until it is rectified or parents/carers are contacted and resolve the situation. Further details are available in the Marshland Behaviour Policy.

2.7 Uniform Exceptions

In exceptional circumstances, the school will adjust the above uniform expectations for individual students. This will only be by express agreement with the school. Examples of exceptional circumstances will be limited to specific medical needs and/or in response to identified needs and outcomes within a student's education and health care plan (EHCP).

If a student arrives at school without a tie it is expected that they will hand over their mobile phone for safekeeping in exchange for a loan tie. Once the loan tie has been returned to the pastoral office at the end of the day, the mobile phone will be returned.

3. Review of this policy

This policy will be reviewed every two years.