



FINHAM PARK 2

School Uniform Policy

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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents/ carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all students the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all students
- Allow all students to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all students to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable (although we insist that hair dyes are in natural colours)
- Allow students to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality, SEND or medical need by asking students or their parents/carers to contact their child's College Leader.
- Finham Park 2 is committed to making reasonable adjustments where these are required to support a student's medical, sensory or additional needs. Requests will be considered on an individual basis and may require supporting evidence from a GP, Educational Psychologist, specialist professional or other appropriate agency.
- Where sensory needs are cited as the reason for an adjustment, the school may also undertake its own assessment and review through the SEND Department. Any agreed adjustment will be confirmed by the school following consultation with parents/carers and relevant professionals.
- Until such adjustments have been formally agreed, students will be expected to wear the published school uniform. We are committed to working positively and collaboratively with



families to ensure that any reasonable adjustment supports both the individual needs of the student and the high standards expected across the school community.

3. Why school uniform matters

School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging within the student body. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers.

Additional reasons for securing high standards on student uniform and appearance include:

- Supports the learning of adherence to routines, rules and guidelines
- Supports individuals to operate as a team
- Decreases anxiety linked to fashion trends
- Decreases anxiety linked to financial demands
- Decreases time pressures associated with morning routines
- Instils a sense of pride
- Instils a sense of community and belonging
- Supports the safeguarding of individuals
- Addresses potential financial inequalities – 'levels the playing field'
- Supports our mission to combat bullying – everybody the same

So that all stakeholders are fully informed and able to prepare well, our standards and expectations will be communicated clearly, consistently and repeatedly throughout the year. Throughout the school day, gate duty, assemblies, tutor time and lessons will be used to repeatedly communicate the high standards expected and to provide support when and where needed. At Finham Park 2, we believe that every child must be given the opportunity to present themselves smartly alongside their peers.

We commit to exploring all potential barriers, that may exist to prevent a child from achieving the expected standard and, where possible, we will provide the required support to remove these barriers. When required, any student on any day will be supported to ensure that they can attend lessons correctly dressed.

Additional support, including financial support can be explored by emailing the school at contact@finhampark2.co.uk. Any issues relating to SEND and other additional needs of students will be supported on a case-by-case basis by our dedicated SEND Team. Please contact Kate Malone at k.malone@finhampark2.co.uk. Any adjustment to the Dress Code is at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team where upon parents/carers and students will be informed accordingly. Special dispensation for uniform for medical reasons, will only be granted on the receipt of a medical note written by a professional on letter headed paper / email. If required, College Leaders will liaise with Senior Leaders to ensure that such measures are effectively employed.



4. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with [statutory guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost and provides the best value for money for parents/carers
- The school will continue to maintain arrangements for families to access good quality second-hand uniform.

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible, for example, by only asking that the blazer and tie features the school logo, and jumper (shared with Finham Park School) is worn
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items students could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items (with most items shared with Finham Park school to offer more choice)
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and students on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

We aim to limit any items with distinctive characteristics where possible. The only compulsory branded items required by the school are:

- Finham Park 2 blazer
- Finham Park 2 clip-on tie
- Finham Park 2 PE top
- Finham Park 2 PE shorts/skort

Optional items are:

- Finham Park 2 jumper
- Finham Park 2 PE socks
- Finham Park 2 PE leggings
- Navy football socks as an alternative to the Finham Park 2 PE socks (plain, unbranded)



5. Expectations for school uniform

5.1 Our school uniform

Item of uniform	Description	Notes / Additional information
Footwear	All footwear must: • Be completely black. • Be polishable. • Be waterproof. • Provide suitable protection for the foot. • Be appropriate for a working school environment. The following are not permitted: • Trainers. • Trainer-style shoes. • Canvas shoes. • Shoes with visible branding. • Shoes made primarily from mesh or sports materials. • Boots. • High heels. These expectations exist to ensure students are appropriately dressed for school and to support health and safety in practical subjects including Science, Design Technology and Food Preparation and Nutrition. Where footwear does not meet the school's expectations, students may be required to wear school pumps or spare footwear provided by the school for the duration of the day. An item provided by the student will be required as a deposit.	
Socks	Black or grey socks (also white socks if wearing a skirt) - coloured socks are not suitable.	Required unless you wear tights. High street retailers.
Tights	Plain black, grey or flesh coloured tights - patterned tights are not suitable for school	Required unless you wear socks. High street retailers.
Trousers	Plain school grey* trousers suitable for school - fashion trousers - jean style, 'skinny', flared or stretch materials are not suitable for school (exact grey shown on school website). NB- The grey colour for trousers and skirts is not charcoal/ black, nor very light grey - known as 'school grey' (found in most supermarkets)- if unsure please ask at our uniform suppliers who can assist with this.	Required unless you wear skirts. Uniform shops &/or High street retailers.



Skirts	Plain grey* knee-length pleated skirt - fashion skirts, tight, short or very long skirts are not suitable.	Required unless you wear trousers. Uniform shops &/or High street retailers.
Shirts	Plain white school shirt buttoned at the neck – long or short sleeved. Required. High street retailers.	
Tie	Navy and lion logo clip-on tie with college colour. Required. Uniform shop.	
Jumper	Navy school jumper with single gold stripe around neck (optional). Must not be worn as a replacement for a blazer.	
Blazer	Navy blazer with Finham Park 2 lion logo. Required. Uniform shop.	
Outdoor Coats	Suitable outdoor <u>waterproof</u> coat. Tracksuit tops, hooded tops, leather or denim jackets are not to be worn to or in school and will be confiscated if seen.	
Hats	No hats can be worn on school site but can be worn on walk to school.	
Jewellery	These expectations are in place to reduce the risk of injury during PE, drama, dance, practical subjects and everyday movement around the school site. A maximum of one small plain stud earring may be worn in each ear. Hoop earrings, drop earrings, spacers and all other facial piercings are not permitted. One small nose stud may be worn. One small ring may be worn. Jewellery must be suitable for a school environment and must not present a health and safety risk. Watches must not be worn during assessments or exams (exam board rules)	
Make-up	Discreet make-up only.	
False nails	These expectations support health and safety in practical subjects, including PE, Food Preparation and Nutrition, Science and Design Technology. Long or artificial nails can create avoidable safety and hygiene risks. False nails, acrylic nails, gel nails and excessively long nails are not permitted. Nails must be short and suitable for practical learning.	
Headscarves	Headscarves must be black or dark blue.	
Hair	Hair must be smart, appropriate for school and presented in a manner that reflects the professional standards expected at Finham Park 2. Hair may be dyed; however, colours must be natural in appearance. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Examples of unacceptable hairstyles include, but are not limited to: • Mohawks • Extreme undercuts	



	• Patterns or tramlines cut into the hair • Unnatural hair colours such as bright blue, green, pink, purple or similar Long hair must be tied back where required for health and safety reasons. Only small hairclips/hairbands are allowed.
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PE Kit

All sports kit purchased should display the lion logo

Mandatory

- FP2 branded Navy and sky blue sports top
- FP2 branded Navy and sky blue 'skort' or FP2 branded navy shorts
- Trainers

Optional

- FP2 branded Navy sports trousers
- FP2 branded PE hoodie
- FP2 branded Navy and sky blue polo top
- FP2 Navy and sky blue striped socks
- AstroTurf trainers
- Football boots
- Shin pads & gum shields

***Trainers-** advice from the PE department: Trainers can be any colour but please can these be non-marking sports trainers - not casual trainers (e.g. converse) as they do not usually have the required support.

5.2 Where to purchase uniform:

Clive Mark Schoolwear Ltd

88-90 Barker's Butts Ln, Coventry CV6 1DY

Tel: 024 76598080

websales@clivemark.co.uk

Cat Ballou Originals Ltd

1-3 The Burges, Coventry, CV1 1HN

Tel: 024 76555499

<http://www.catballou.co.uk/>

Brigade Clothing Limited

Unit 15 Binns Close

Coventry

CV4 9TB

024 76421083

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/>



6th form Dress Code

Smart suit with trousers/skirt

Formal shirt or blouse

Smart Shoes

Tie for Males





'Back-to-School' Branding...

...may not mean back to Finham Park 2. Parents, carers and students are urged to keep receipts in case items purchased do not meet the criteria shared herein.

Acceptable Footwear For additional support, images of footwear deemed appropriate have been added below:



Prohibited Footwear For additional support, examples of prohibited styles of footwear have been shown below:



Students should adhere to this dress code to avoid unnecessary conversations about their appearance so that a focus can remain on their learning.

The school is happy to support students in wearing items, which relate to culture or religion. *It will be appreciated that there cannot be endless arguments about dress, and the school's decision*



on whether appearance is appropriate for school or not must be the final one. Students whose appearance is not appropriate for school may be sent home and asked to change.

Adjusting with the Weather

We want our students to be comfortable so that they can learn well. Adjustments to school uniform, in response to periods of extreme weather, is at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team where upon parents/carers and students will be informed accordingly. We strongly advise students to wear a jacket or coat to school in readiness for the changeable weather experienced regularly here. If worn, jackets and coats must be worn over the top of and not instead of a blazer.

6. Expectations for our school community

6.1 Students

Students are expected to always wear the correct uniform (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Students are also expected to contact their College Leader if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

6.2 Parents/ carers

Parents and carers can support their children to meet the expected standards for uniform by:

- Engaging with correspondence shared by the College in newsletters and in policies on the website
- Labelling their child's uniform items with their name
- Ensuring that items of uniform are clean and ready to be worn
- Checking that their child has got their uniform ready the night before the following school day
- Reiterating their child's responsibility that they are correctly dressed and presented upon arrival to and throughout the College day
- Ensuring that their child's smooth start to each day is not compromised by piercings that may not heal in time (returning from school holidays for example)
- Ensuring that their child's smooth start to each day is not compromised by hairstyles that may not meet the expected standards in time (returning from school holidays for example)
- Using this guidance when buying new items of uniform
- Send photos of footwear to the relevant College Leader or drop into the school to show staff items of clothing that may or may not be suitable

Parents are also expected to contact their child's College Leader if they would like to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy



The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

6.3 Uniform Checks

Uniform will be checked on entry into school, during mentor time and at the start of every lesson. Staff will give any students and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve. Where a student arrives in incorrect uniform, the school may provide temporary replacement uniform, footwear or other suitable alternatives to enable the student to attend lessons. Refusal to wear the items provided may result in time being spent in Refocus.

Persistent refusal to wear correct uniform will result in time in detention being issued or time spent in refocus. Parents will be asked to a meeting and reminded of the expectations of the school that they have chosen for their child.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with in accordance with the school's behaviour policy.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a student not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

6.4 Consequences

Sanctions will be used to ensure that standards of uniform remain high.

Confiscation

Prohibited items of clothing or accessories will be confiscated if seen.

Confiscated items of clothing will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.

Confiscations will adhere to DfE guidance: [Searching, Screening and Confiscation Advice for schools 2022](#)

Refocus

With regards to the maintaining of high standards of uniform, Refocus may be used when:

- A student refuses to adjust their uniform when asked.
- A student refuses to stop for a staff member.
- A student presents with an issue that cannot be resolved immediately by other supportive measures available to the school. Examples include:
 - o Unsuitable hairstyles.
 - o Unhealed piercings that a student wants to but cannot remove.
- A student has refused other support offered by the College.
- A student has become rude, aggressive and/or confrontational in response to being challenged for their uniform/appearance.

Students will remain in Refocus until the issue is resolved. Where a uniform issue cannot be immediately resolved, or where a student refuses reasonable alternatives offered by the school, students may spend time in Refocus until the matter is resolved. Due to the volume of students arriving on site each morning, parents/carers may not always be contacted immediately regarding a uniform issue. The school reserves the right to address the matter during the school day and communicate with home at the earliest reasonable opportunity.



If a student manages to resolve their uniform/appearance issue and has demonstrated a willingness to cooperate with the school they will be returned to lessons with a late note.

6.5 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and students
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all students

The governors will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

7. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed biannually by Deputy Headteacher Behaviour and will be approved by the Headteacher & the Governing board.

8. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy



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Approved by Governors:

Signed:



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