



Peterhouse School

School Uniform Guidance

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RELATED / RELEVANT POLICIES AND KEY DOCUMENTS

This document should be read in conjunction with:

DfE Guidance on School Uniforms

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>

SUMMARY / SCOPE

This document aims to set out our approach to school uniform that is of reasonable cost and considers pupils' sensory needs

REVISION STATUS

This Review Date	Details of Changes	Sections Changed	Author	Date of next review
May 2024	New document		Conny Brandt	May 2027
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1 SCHOOL UNIFORM AT PETERHOUSE

Many of our pupils find it helpful to wear a school uniform, as this can offer a clear visual cue that it is time for school.

Other pupils may find it difficult to wear uniform, due to a preference for particular textures, colours etc.

Peterhouse encourages pupils to wear school uniform. However, pupils may wear alternatives e.g. in order to meet their sensory needs or encourage attendance. Staff will discuss school uniform with parents before their child starts at Peterhouse, and can then agree suitable alternatives.

Peterhouse is mindful of the cost implications of branded items. Tops with the school logo are available from <https://myclothing.com/collections/peterhouse-school-9342> If preferred, pupils can wear tops in uniform colours without a logo, which can be bought from any shop. Other items with the school logo are available for purchase if desired, but do not form part of the school's official uniform.

We are happy to accept donations of good quality uniform items that your child has outgrown, and these will be made available to parents.

Students in our Sixth Form classes do not wear school uniform.

Students supported through the school's Flexible Education provision are not expected to wear school uniform.

All parents are asked to provide a PE kit for their child. PE kits do not need to include logos.

2 SCHOOL'S DUTIES UNDER THE EQUALITY ACT 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on gender, to give all pupils 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 pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to wear their own choice of swimwear
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs

- Allow for reasonable adaptations on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with the School Business Leader, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests.

3 OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Plain navy bottoms (trousers, skirts, shorts, jogging bottoms)

Light blue top (shirt, polo shirt, blouse)

Plain navy jumper, cardigan or sweat shirt.

In hot weather, children may wear light blue T-shirts, polo shirts or dresses (without a navy top).

Navy or black socks or tights

Black shoes (practical – trainers are fine!)

Sports Kit

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts
- White socks
- Black plimsolls / trainers
- Black / Black & White tracksuit
- Sports bag – named
- Swimming costume } for classes that have
- Swimming towel } swimming lessons

The sports kit will stay in school and return home each half term.

Peterhouse has an approach that emphasises learning in real situations and pupils often access the community, undertake forest school activities etc. We ask that warm / waterproof coats and sturdy footwear is provided for learning outside the classroom activities. Class staff or specialist teachers will contact parents beforehand with any additional requirements.

It is essential that all items have name labels. School is not able to take responsibility for items without name labels.

Whilst every care is taken, it is not always possible to prevent items getting damaged or stained. We would therefore recommend that children do not wear designer labels or other expensive items of clothing.

Students in Key Stage 3 to 5 classes (secondary school / sixth form age) may wear jewellery but we ask that this is limited to small items only, not long or loose items, in the interest of health and safety.

4 MONITORING AND REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed by the School Business Leader every 3 years, or sooner if any uniform-related issues arise or Government policy changes. Changes to the policy will be approved by the Education Services Governance Committee.