

18 July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### Uniform

As we move towards the end of the school year, please can I remind you of our uniform policy and ask for your support in ensuring it is adhered to rigidly when we return in September.

We want every one of our students to look smart and think smart and therefore, I ask that any issues with uniform be rectified over the holidays ready for the Autumn term.

When we return in September all **uniform issues will be addressed with the student before they are permitted entry into the main school.** Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with using the school Behaviour Policy including the use of detentions and Isolation.

This may include lending items to students such as ties, bags or shoes to ensure that every single student enters the main school with the correct uniform items.

## Required uniform for all students:

Item	Notes
Blazer	Black with pre-embroidered School badge. Worn at all times in, around and to/from School.
Shirt	Plain white shirt. (Long or short sleeved shirt may be worn).
School Tie	
Skirt	Black plain pleated skirt and flared.
	All skirts should be a traditional school skirt purchased to allow for growth.
	Length 20 inches minimum.
	Rolling up of skirts is not permitted.
	Opaque black tights must be worn with skirts.
Trousers	Must be Black
	Plain and tailored with a waist band.
Socks	Only black socks to be worn with trousers.
Shoes	Black, sturdy and low heeled.
	Please note that fabric shoes, trainers or boots are not permitted.
School Bag	The bag must be a rucksack and be able to fit A4 books and files inside.
	Handbags are not permitted

## Optional uniform for all students:

Item	Notes
Jumper	Plain black 'V' necked jumper or plain black sleeveless 'V' necked jumper.
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Coats	Outdoor Coat: Worn in cold weather over school blazer.
	This garment should be regarded as the overcoat.
	Coats should be removed on entry to the building.



#### Please note:

Hooded sweatshirts are not permitted in school and will be confiscated If seen. No hooded sweatshirt or any other form of sports top to be used as an outdoor coat.

## **Appearance**

As with uniform items, appearance issues will be addressed before the students are permitted to enter the main school. Please be aware, this may necessitate a request from staff to students to remove jewellery items or piercings. Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with using the school Behaviour Policy including the use of detentions and Isolation.

#### **Appearance**

Item	Notes	
Make-Up	Discreet make-up is permitted	
Nails	False nails and nail varnish must not be worn. *	
Jewellery	A single pair of small stud earnings are permitted.	
	No further jewellery is allowed. **	
Watches	A wristwatch can be worn but must be removed to take part in Physical Education	
	lessons. No responsibility is accepted for the loss of any confiscated items.	
Shoes	Black, sturdy and low heeled.	
	Please note that fabric shoes, trainers or boots are not permitted.	
Hair	Extremes of hair style and hair colouring are not acceptable and will be dealt with on	
	a case by case basis.	
	Long hair must be tied up for practical lessons.	
Body	Nose studs and other forms of body piercing are not acceptable. **	
Piercing	We ask for parental support in ensuring that students do not have any new piercings	
	until they have completed Year 11.	
*The School reserves the right to request removal.		
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## **School Shoes**

As in my previous correspondence, I wanted to clarify our expectations regarding school shoes for the coming academic year.

As per our published uniform policy, school shoes should be:

- Black, sturdy and low heeled.
- Please note that fabric shoes, trainers or boots are not permitted.

Currently, we have a number of students who are wearing black fabric trainers to school as they have outgrown their school shoes and wish to delay purchasing new school shoes until closer to the start of the new school year which is approximately six weeks away.



At Bramhall, we have been understanding of this situation during the final weeks of the school year but I do wish to be clear that we expect all students to be wearing the correct shoes when they return to school in September.

Please use the graphic below as a guide to those shoes that are deemed appropriate school shoes.



Thank you to those parents and carers that have contacted me specifically regarding the inclusion of the shoe (right hand image in green box).

This style of shoe has been permitted in previous years and continues to be permitted given that it fits the criteria of being black, sturdy, and low heeled. I appreciate that it may be described as a training shoe but, it is unlikely to be worn for physical training and is largely produced as a shoe for everyday wear given all black colour, robust leather construction and solid, flat sole.



The image on the left-hand side of the red box shows the style of training shoe that is **not permitted**. This shows a shoe with visible air bubbles, shiny plastic trim and potential flashes of colour or grey shades depending on the model and is a fabric construction.

I appreciate that it may appear that I have created an ambiguous situation, but I just wanted to be open and clarify the expectations that have been in place for the last two school years so that there is no confusion.

Although both the shoes in the examples can be described as training shoes, we feel the design and intended function are significantly different so as to permit the style of shoe (right hand image in green box) as a school shoe.

# **Seasonal Adaptions**

On 24<sup>th</sup> may I wrote to all parents and carers explaining that due to the expected warmer weather during the final half-term of school that students were permitted to wear knee socks instead of tights if they so wish.

I can confirm that this seasonal adaptation will be removed at the end of this term.

From September 6<sup>th</sup> 2023, we will revert to all students who are wearing a skirt must also wear opaque black tights.

#### **Uniform Email**

If you have any specific questions regarding uniform or the implementation of our uniform policy please email our dedicated address.

# uniform@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk

Finally, many thanks to you all for your continued support and ensuring that students attend Bramhall High School with the correct uniform items and following all of our appearance expectations.

Regards

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