



All Hallows RC High School

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UNIFORM REMINDER LETTER

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of term, I would like to make a timely reminder about our clear uniform policy. We ensure that we make our expectations very clear to pupils and parents and I ask that you take the time to read through this important letter regarding uniform.

School uniform consists of:-

- School blazer
- School jumper which is compulsory (we inform pupils when they are not required to wear a jumper according to the temperature in the school building)
- School tie
- White school shirt
- Black knee length pleated skirt / black **tailored** trousers.
- Plain Black or white ankle socks or plain black tights (sports socks eg. **Nike** socks are not permitted)
- Plain black school shoes – no trainers / canvas / sports shoes

We do not want you to have any unnecessary expense buying items that would not be acceptable for school, this can be costly. Therefore we have provided further information below.

Information on skirts

Skirt length continues to be an issue, which is causing embarrassment for staff and pupils. As you are aware we have a number of stairs in school and we want to ensure that pupils are protecting themselves and others by avoiding any inappropriate viewing that can occur when skirts are too short. School skirts should be no shorter than 10cm above the knee; we use the length of the respect card as our guide.

Please be reminded that pupils that have regular infringements will be required to wear trousers. Parents will be notified if skirt length is becoming an issue, you can also monitor this by checking your child's respect card.

Please support us by ensuring you purchase a skirt that fits correctly on the waistline/hips so that correct length of skirt is maintained throughout the day. Pupils are not permitted to roll up their skirt at the waistband. If skirt length remains an issue across the school we will make changes to our uniform policy.

Information on trousers

Please ensure that when purchasing **trousers** that they are **tailored**. Skinny fit, black denim or elastane flared trousers are not permitted. Please be aware that some shops are branding these types of trousers as a school trouser to increase sales as pupils view these as more fashionable. These will not be accepted as school trousers at All Hallows.

Information on footwear

We are very clear about our footwear policy and we use the term plain, black school shoes as it is very simple to understand. Please do not allow your son/daughter to convince you that an expensive, fashion brand is acceptable. Shoes that are made by a sports brand **will not** be accepted even if they are being marketed as a school shoe in shops such as JD Sports, Footlocker, Footasylum etc.

Any school shoes that are purchased must be plain black and should not have any accessories attached. **Please note that any shoe that have accessories attached (eg. bows) including Vivienne Westwood shoes will not be accepted as a school shoe.** We aim to keep our uniform affordable and therefore do not want pupils wearing expensive branded shoes. Acceptable styles, for example, for girls include, the Kickers plain black shoes (plain leather or patent) which are smart and practical.

School coats

In colder weather, a plain blue or black coat may be worn over the full uniform. We will not accept tracksuit tops or hooded tops to be worn under or over the school uniform.

Jewellery

This must be limited to a watch and a pair of small, plain studs in the lower ear. These are the **only** piercings which are allowed. Pupils are not permitted to wear any other jewellery, other than a plain watch. Please be reminded that smart watches (like mobile phones) are banned from school. We are currently reviewing our policy on jewellery and there may be amendments in September 2025.

Hair

This must be conservative in style and colour. All hair styles should be a natural hair colour.

Hair accessories such as bands, bobbles or clips must be plain navy blue or black. **We do not permit pupils to wear bows in their hair.**

For short hair styles we insist that the shortest cut is a grade 2 blade. We do not accept tracking or tram lines in hair.

Make up should not be worn

This includes;

Any type of nail varnish

Acrylic nails

False eyelashes

False Tan

Pupils may wear a small amount of concealer as long as it is **subtle**, particularly to address blemishes or skin issues about which children may feel self-conscious.

Bags and equipment

All pupils must bring a school bag which must be large enough to carry an A4 folder, exercise books, planner and pencil case. All pupils are expected to have a black pen, pencil and a ruler as a minimal expectation.

For further details on our uniform policy please visit our school website. If you have any questions regarding uniform please contact Reception or email studentservices@allhallowsrc.co.uk

We return to school at **8.30am on Tuesday 22nd April 2025**. During morning registration all form tutors will be conducting a uniform check. Please support us and your child, to ensure that they are adhering to our clear uniform policy so that they do not receive any signatures on their new respect card or find themselves in isolation for a matter that cannot be resolved in school eg. acrylic nails, false eyelashes, unnatural hair colour etc.

We are very proud of our pupils and they wear their uniform with pride. We would like to thank all our families for conforming and supporting our clear uniform policy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Done'.

Mrs Done (Assistant Headteacher)