



# School Uniform, Equipment and PE Dress Code 2022/2023

William Farr School is committed to setting high standards in all aspects of school life. The school uniform plays an important part in this process, promoting consistency in standards and helping to set the right climate for learning for all pupils. It reflects our school ethos and provides an identity within the school and the wider community. If pupils take pride in their appearance, they take pride in themselves, their school and their learning.

All pupils in Years 7-11 must wear school uniform whilst at school and on school organised activities, unless otherwise instructed. There is no exception to this rule. This uniform is designed to reflect the high standards and expectations of the school and we look to the support from parents in its implementation. Should parents have any questions regarding this uniform, they should contact their child's respective Head of Year.

An up-to-date-list of the school uniform requirements, including PE dress code and equipment, is set out below.

## **School Uniform**

The list below lays out the permitted School uniform

Uniform	Further Details
Blazer	Navy blue with a pre-sewn-on school badge.
Shirt	Pale blue polycotton or cotton, of conventional school style (not denim style). This should be tucked in at all times unless otherwise instructed.
Summer Shirt ( <i>See Summer School Uniform section</i> )	As above, but short sleeved. Available with or without the school logo.
Trousers	Graphite grey. Cotton drill, jeans style, chinos or skinny fit are <u>not</u> acceptable (for the school to determine). Trousers should not be cropped (there should be no gap between the bottom of the trouser and the shoe). If a belt is worn, it must be plain mid grey or black.
School Tie	Clip-on with House colour.
Skirt	Taylor Tartan. Must be worn at full length and not rolled up. (As a guide, skirts should be worn with a gap of no more than four fingers from the knee.)
Socks	Short plain black or mid-grey (no other colours are permitted).
Tights	Black or navy blue (no patterns).
Shoes	Black - of a solid construction, polishable and suitable for a busy school environment. Low heels (5cm or less). Platform soles are <u>not</u> acceptable, neither are flimsy fashion shoes, canvas shoes or trainers. No sling backs or stiletto heels. Boots are <u>not</u> acceptable unless in severe weather conditions. Where a pupil is forced due to legitimate medical reasons to wear trainers or boots instead of shoes, a medical note is required.

### Summer School Uniform

Pupils will be informed when the summer school uniform applies. Pupils may wear the summer school shirt (as described above) without a school tie and blazer. The rest of the normal school uniform applies. If pupils do not wish to wear the summer school uniform, they must continue to wear the normal school uniform. If a blazer is worn a tie must be worn at all times.

### Physical Education Uniform

Uniform	Further Details
Rugby/Hockey Shirt	Navy blue with light blue stripe.
Black Shorts	Plain black shorts (these must be above knee length – Lycra or cycling shorts are not suitable).
PE Polo Shirts	Navy blue polo shirt with school logo.
PE Socks	Plain long black football socks and white cotton trainer socks depending on the activity
Football Boots	Can be moulded studs or traditional studded boots. (Metal studded boots are not permitted for cross country)

Shin Pads	Compulsory for Football, advised for Hockey
Training Shoes	These must have a non-marking sole. (Canvas plimsolls are not suitable for PE)
Towel (optional)	
Leggings (optional)	Plain black sports leggings that sit below the knee and must not be of a fashion nature.
PE Hoodie (optional)	Navy blue with school logo
Plain black tracksuit bottoms (optional)	<u>No</u> jogging bottoms of a sweatpant material. There are however certain sports where tracksuit bottoms are not appropriate and therefore shorts must be carried to all lessons.
Gum Shields for Rugby and Hockey	When undertaking a rugby module each pupil must have a gum shield to participate fully in the lesson. It is advisable that they are worn for hockey. Gum shields ideally should be professionally supplied and fitted by a dentist. The school recognises that gum shields are available for self-fitting from sports suppliers. (Please note rugby is not taught until Year 8.) Where parents/guardians decide to purchase these instead of professionally fitted ones, then they should satisfy themselves that they are adequate for the purpose intended and that parents/guardians supervise the fitting according to the manufacturers' instructions. [‘Safe practice in Physical Education and School Sport’ – Section 22.3.32]
Hair band	For those with long hair

### Other Areas of Dress

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Drama	Drama pupils will need clean, soft soled shoes to change into (these should be different shoes to those worn in PE). If trousers are not being worn, shorts/leggings are required. Long hair will need to be tied back.
Nails	Long nails, false/gel nails and nail varnish is not permitted.
Jewellery	The only jewellery permitted is a wristwatch (this must not be a Smart Watch if it can be connected to the internet or mobile phone network), one signet ring per hand, one bracelet per wrist and one set of very small stud or sleeper earrings (one per ear). No other forms of body piercing are allowed. No other forms of jewellery are acceptable.
Hair	Extreme hairstyles are not permitted and the school reserves the right to advise parents on what it considers to be extreme. There should be no tram-lines. Only natural hair colour is allowed.
Make-Up	Natural and subtle make-up will be accepted in school but excessive make-up will not. It is for the school to determine what is acceptable make-up. There should be no false eyelashes or excessive eyebrow make-up. No excessive fake tan to be visible.
Hoodies	These may be worn as an outdoor garment/coat but must not be worn underneath a blazer.

## Equipment

*\*Asterisked items are available to purchase from the school stationery shop.*

Equipment	Further Details
Pencil Case	
Books and Equipment for the Day	
Diary	The school will provide this.
Pen, Pencil, Rubber, 30 cm Ruler, Pencil Sharpener, Coloured Pencils*	
Calculator*	The school recommends the Casio FX 85 GT or GTX (new model).
French Dictionary*	
Bag	All pupils should have a rigid, waterproof bag to carry books. Smaller sports bags are an acceptable compromise as are small rucksacks.

All clothing and equipment should be clearly marked with the pupil's name.

Pupils are required to carry a Uniform Card in their pocket at all times which will be used to record infringements in the school uniform code. This card will be issued to pupils at the start of the year.

### Electronic Devices – Mobile Phones/iPods/iPads

Mobile phones, iPods and other electronic devices are not allowed in school. The rationale behind this decision is two-fold. Firstly, we know from other schools which allow such devices the level of disruption that can be caused. Secondly, the school has an open policy in terms of pupils using the school telephone to communicate with parents where necessary. Pupils attending after-school sporting fixtures may bring their mobile phones into school provided they are handed into reception at the start of the day. Please can parents notify the school in writing if this is the case. Mobile phones are also sometimes allowed when pupils are going on an educational visit. Information about this will be provided by the visit leader.

**Under no circumstances are pupils allowed to have a mobile phone in their possession during the school day.** If pupils are found in possession of a mobile phone, the School Behaviour Policy will apply. In terms of electronic devices such as Kindles and iPads the school would like to allow pupils to use these to support their learning. These devices must only be used as a learning tool.

Any device which has mobile internet capability must not be brought into school. This includes Smart Watches. The school accepts no liability or responsibility for any electronic devices brought into school. Pupils bring them into school entirely at their own risk. Failure to follow this Code will be dealt with in line with the School Behaviour Policy.