



# School Uniform, Equipment and PE Dress Code 2023/2024

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.

## 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	As above, but short sleeved. Available with or without the school logo. <i>(See Summer School Uniform section)</i>
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. (Information regarding House colour will be sent out before the end of the summer term).
Skirt	Taylor Tartan. Must be worn at full length and not rolled up. (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. No logos. No adornments of any kind. 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 period comes into effect. 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 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 or white sports socks depending on the activity.
Football Boots	Can be moulded studs or traditional studded boots.
Shin Pads	Compulsory for Football, advised for Hockey.
Training Shoes	These must have a non-marking sole. No fashion trainers.
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. 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]

Our full range of approved school uniform is available to purchase in the Uniform Direct Dixon Way store. Online shopping from Uniform Direct is also available with delivery direct to your chosen address. Ordering online is very simple, just visit [www.uniform-direct.com](http://www.uniform-direct.com) and then navigate to ‘Select Your School’ and ‘Senior Schools’ and scroll down to ‘William Farr School’ to find all items of approved William Farr school uniform.

### Pre-loved Uniform

For information on how to purchase pre-loved uniform, please visit our website at [William Farr C of E Comprehensive School - Uniform](#). We are reliant on donations of good quality, pre-loved school uniform and, therefore, stock availability will be limited to the donations we receive.

## Other Areas of Dress

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Drama	Drama is a practical subject and students will be sitting and working on the drama floor. Students are permitted to wear their school shoes, provided they are clean or they can bring a pair of Jazz shoes or trainers. If students are wearing a school skirt, they are permitted to wear shorts underneath and for health and safety it is advisable that long hair is tied back and jewellery removed.
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 tramlines. 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

Equipment	Further Details
Pencil Case	
Books and Equipment for the Day	
Diary	The school will provide this.
Pen, Pencil, Rubber, 30cm Ruler, Pencil Sharpener, Coloured Pencils	Available to purchase from the school stationery shop.
Calculator	The school recommends the Casio FX 85 GT or GTX (new model). Available to purchase from the school stationery shop.
French Dictionary	Available to purchase from the school stationery shop.
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.