



HOLMER GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY OCTOBER 2023

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website and in Appendix A.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

We ask that no jewellery be worn at school other than discreet gold or silver studs (no more than one per ear). Studs must be removed or covered with a plaster during PE. A watch may be worn however smart watches are not allowed and we encourage children to wear an analogue wristwatch. Watches must be removed during PE activities.

Small items of jewellery will be permitted for religious reasons provided safe provision can be made during sporting activities.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts or styles that could serve as a distraction to other children. We reserve the right to contact the parents if children come into school with an 'extreme' hair style.

All children with hair longer than shoulder length or that falls over the eyes must have it tied back at all times.

Footwear

We all understand the importance for children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels or slip on ballet pumps, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

From September 2024, children will be required to wear formal black school shoes and will change into plain black or plain white trainers for P.E. They may choose to change into trainers at break time and lunch times as this is appropriate footwear for sport and leisure. At all other times, proper school shoes should be worn as outlined in the uniform list on the school website.

Religious Headwear

Plain black or plain dark colour. For students who wish to wear a headscarf as part of religious dress, it should be plain black or dark green. Any headwear must not serve as a distraction to other children.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The school provides a large selection of second hand uniform for those parents who require it. Items can be purchased by contacting the school helper; secondhanduniform@hgjs.co.uk and completing an order form.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

APPENDIX A

School Uniform List

Green sweatshirt with school logo or optional green cardigan
White or green polo shirt with optional school logo
Mid-grey skirt or mid-grey uniform trousers (Grey shorts may be worn as an option)
Black, white or grey socks or tights
Short black cycling shorts (under skirts optional)
Plain black shoes (trainers are optional for break & lunch times)
An optional summer uniform of green checked /striped dresses
Hair longer than shoulder length or with a fringe that covers the eyes should be tied back.

Indoor PE kit (to be worn on the designated PE day)

White T-shirt with school logo
Green shorts

Outdoor PE kit

White T-shirt with school logo
Green shorts
PE Hoodie - bottle green with embroidered logo or plain bottle green or black
PE joggers - plain bottle green or black
Training shoes (not plimsoles)

Jewellery

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