

Combe Pafford School

School uniform policy

1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- › Ensure that parents, carers and pupils are aware of our expectations for school uniform
- › Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers.

2. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that branded items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design and cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price. Therefore, whilst we want all pupils to be dressed smartly in an appropriate uniform, we want to keep items with the logo to a minimum

3. Expectations for school uniform

Our school's uniform (we only require the first two items to have the school's logo)

- Navy blue school sweat shirt with school logo
- Sky blue or white polo shirt with school logo
- Grey or black trousers or dress or skirt* (must be knee length)
- Black shoes, NOT training shoes
- Grey or white socks

*Blue and White checked dress may be worn in the summer

** Pupils in Upper School (Yrs 9 - 11) are expected to wear a black sweatshirt with logo

Sixth Form

Students in the Sixth form do not wear school uniform and have a separate dress code, please see Appendix A

Jewellery and Hairstyles

Extremes of fashion, jewellery and make-up are NOT acceptable.

Hairstyles can be modern but should not be extreme

The only items of jewellery which are approved are watches, one pair of stud earrings worn in the ears, and a symbol of the pupils religion, eg a crucifix, St Christopher etc.

No other piercings are allowed

Pupils are encourage not to bring expensive items into school

PE/Games and Swimming kit. (Boys and Girls)

- Black P.E. polo shirt embroidered with P.E. logo
- Black P.E. Shorts
- Red socks
- Training shoes/plimsolls
- Towel, soap, shampoo and deodorant (roll-on only)

For Swimming

- Swimming trunks or one piece swimming costume

Where to purchase it

- › Our present uniform supplier is Riviera Schooldays which is located at 186 Union St, Torquay TQ2 5QP, they can be contacted on 01803 293650
- › We have a limited amount of second-hand uniform in school which parents are welcome to purchase

4. Expectations for our school community

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- › On the school premises
- › Travelling to and from school
- › At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

5. Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- › Clean
- › Clearly labelled with the child's name
- › In good condition

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- › Resolved locally
- › Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

6. Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the schools behaviour policy

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

7. Governors

The governing body will review this policy and make sure that it:

- › Is appropriate for our school's context
- › Is implemented fairly across the school
- › Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- › Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The Governors will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually

At every review, it will be approved by the full governing body.

9. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- › Behaviour policy
- › Equality information and objectives statement
- › Anti-bullying policy
- › Complaints policy

Appendix A

COMBE PAFFORD SIXTH FORM

Dress Code

Our dress code is flexible to allow for the different learning situations you may find yourselves in; however it is important that certain standards are adhered to, so that all students are :

- Smart and give a good impression
- Presentable and tidy
- Dressed appropriately for the work environment they are in
- Able to have a professional appearance

More information will be provided at induction with regard to the dress code but it is essential that students are smartly dressed on **classroom-based learning days**, whereas on work placement days **clothing appropriate to the specific work area should be worn (different employers may have different requirements that must be adhered to)**. For classroom-based learning days, this will mean the following :

- Trousers or skirt to be worn (**NOT** jeans or tracksuit/jogging bottoms)
- Smart shirt, eg. button-up, polo or blouse (**NOT** T-shirts or shirts with art/slogans on)
- Smart shoes or trainers
- Hoodies (with hoods down) or sweatshirts may be worn (no large logos)
- Hair clean, tidy and combed/brushed
- Clean and well turned out – shoulders should be covered and legs from just above the knee should be covered, **NO** crop tops or low-cut tops

- Jewellery kept within reasonable bounds and no facial piercings

So in summary, PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING!

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Chinos/cargo trousers Ordinary cotton trousers Smart jeans Smart shoes or trainers Hoodies or sweatshirts (hoods to be kept down) Dresses/skirts (knee length) Leggings Button-up shirts/blouses Polo shirts/smart T-shirts	<u>NO</u> baggy jeans or ripped jeans Jogging bottoms No T-shirts with artwork or slogans Tracksuits

As a general rule, the clothes you wear should make you feel **CLEAN, COMFORTABLE, COVERED** and ready for work!

PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR YOUR PATHWAY DAY ON FRIDAYS

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