## School Uniform Policy

Our school uniform ensures that students are smartly dressed while at school and identifies them as members of Poynton High School.

## Aims

This policy aims to:
> Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
> Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
> Clarify our expectations for school uniform

## Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:
> Have a gender-neutral uniform code, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
> Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all students
>Allow all students to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back for Health and Safety reasons)
> Allow students to request changes to PE kit for religious reasons
> Allow students to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols

## 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.

As a school we have completed a review of our uniform and have minimised the number of branded items. Poynton High School will also:

- Complete an annual review with both uniform suppliers to look at cost, longevity of garments.
- Encourage the use of second-hand uniform.
- Ensure parents have access to clear information about uniform policies
- Offer support to pupil premium students


## Expectations for our school community

Students are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times 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)


## Parents and carers

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

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



## Optional Items

| $\checkmark$ | - A plain, narrow, ( 2.5 cm or less), black belt with a buckle | x | - Coloured belts, belts with embellishments or wide belts <br> - Scarves |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\checkmark$ | - A plain navy V neck knitted school jumper with or without school badge and with or without sleeves | X | - Anything in sweatshirt style material <br> - Anything with a hood, zips or buttons <br> - Cardigans or crew neck jumpers |
| $\checkmark$ | - Subtle, unobtrusive make-up; natural hair colours only | X | - Extreme styles including tramlines <br> - Nail varnish <br> - False nails |
| $\checkmark$ | - One small pair of stud earrings | x | - Large hoop earrings <br> - Stretchers <br> - Diamante earrings <br> - Facial piercings of any description <br> - Rings, beads, bracelets, strings, etc <br> - Necklaces, chokers |
| $\checkmark$ | - Plain coat en route to school | X | Coats inside the school building |

Adjustments to uniform in periods of sustained extreme high temperatures
In periods of sustained extreme high temperatures school will allow the flexibility for students to wear either their school PE kit to school or to wear their normal uniform. The timing and duration of this adjustment will be decided and communicated by the school.


## PHS PE Uniform



## School uniform can be purchased from the following stockists:

F R Monkhouse - The Shopping Centre, Cheadle Hulme 01614883410 www.monkhouse.com

Ann Taylor - P.S.U. of Poynton Ltd. 01625876885
School Shop Opening Times - Mon \& Thurs lunchtime and Tues night 7pm to 8:30pm Term-time only, open summer holidays by arrangement.
Order online at www.phs.uniform4you.co.uk
Password - Yewtree1

## Staff

Staff will closely monitor students to make sure they are in correct uniform.
Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by our uniform conduct card system.
In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a student not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

## Governors

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

- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Considers the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money

## Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

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


## Policy Approved in December 2023

To be reviewed no later than December 2026

