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Policy Control/Monitoring

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- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex, gender, or gender reassignment.
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments.
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs.
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Head of Department who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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 items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that must have a school logo or a unique fabric/color/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost.
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers.

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary.
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags, and shoes.
- uniform can act as a social leveler.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels

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Pupils also expected to contact, the Head of Department if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy for their child.

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6. Monitoring and Compliance

This policy will be reviewed yearly. At every review, it will be approved by the Headteacher and Chair of Governors.

7. Associated Policies & References

This policy is linked to our:

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

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