



Highgate School Uniform Policy

The Education Department issued a regulation under the Education Act, effective from 27 January 1994, which gives School Councils the power to develop policy on dress codes within their school.

The wearing of school uniform at Highgate School is compulsory, and this has been approved by the School Council.

Some of the reasons in support of a school uniform are that it is practical, flexible, inexpensive, non-competitive (without brand names, etc.), gives a sense of identity and purpose, and is not distracting.

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1. The uniform at Highgate School is based on the school colours of red and bottle green, and consists of the following interchangeable pieces, allowing for choice and individual preferences:

Tops:	Polo shirts in red, green or white. Green windcheaters or optional green and red rugby tops and bomber jackets as sold by the school uniform shop.
Pants:	Shorts or long pants in a variety of styles such as bike shorts, rugby shorts, culottes, leggings, trackpants, gabardine pants, all in bottle green only.
Dresses:	Pinafores and skirts in red and green tartan, and dresses in green and white check, as approved by the School Council.
Hats:	Broadbrim or legionnaire style hats in bottle green. Hats should be printed with the school logo or be completely plain.
Shoes:	Shoes should be safe and practical, e.g. thongs are NOT acceptable.

2. Suggestions of additional clothing choices for consideration by the School Council will be welcomed from students (through the SRC), staff and parents.
3. Provision is made for Year 7 students to wear a windcheater and/or polo shirt with all Year 7 names screen printed on the back. These may be ordered at the beginning of the year.
4. School uniform will be expected to be worn by all students attending public events such as excursions (where applicable), performances, school photographs, interschool competitions, etc.
5. Clothing with recognised commercial brand name logos will not be acceptable school wear.

Exemptions from wearing school uniform

Parents wishing to seek exemption from the wearing of school uniform for their child/children must do so in writing to the Principal. Exemption may be granted on the following grounds:

- Religious beliefs
- Cultural or ethnic
- New students
- Itinerant students
- Genuine financial hardship
- Genuine medical or family sickness reasons

Occasional non-wearing of school uniform is understandable, but still requires written confirmation/explanation from parents.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open each Wednesday afternoon from 2:00pm to 3:00pm, and on the last day of each school holiday break from 9:30am to 11:00am. Opening days and times for the January holidays will be advertised in the school newsletter. Order forms are available from the front office.

Second Hand Uniforms

The uniform shop stocks a wide range of second hand uniforms. These uniforms are sold on a commission basis with 80% of the sale price being returned to the seller after the sale.