

**King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls
Uniform Policy
December 2023 – November 2024**

1. Rationale

We believe our school is unique in our area; providing a small, safe and happy community for our pupils as well as securing the highest levels of academic success. As a single sex school we have created an environment where success is applauded and confidence built. We want to ensure our young people fulfil their full potential and strive to ensure that social and economic circumstances are not a barrier to this. King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls is a small school that places the welfare of our pupils at the heart of what we do. We believe that children who are happy and feel safe are most able to excel academically.

2. Objectives

All pupils are required to wear the school uniform. We feel that high standards of dress are important. The School's uniform is important to help students establish themselves as part of the King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls community and to instill pride in their School. The wearing of full school uniform is expected as an integral part of the School ethos which promotes positive attitudes, high standards and a sense of personal pride. This policy has been designed so that there is clarity for both parents and students around the School's uniform expectations. In addition to this, the School believes that uniform is important because it:

- Contributes to the School's ethos and sets an appropriate tone to support positive behaviour;
- Encourages students to treat each other and the School environment with respect; supports students in learning how to dress in a manner appropriate to the activity being undertaken and the environment they inhabit;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind to ensure that students are comfortable, safe and secure;
- Protects students from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and supports parents to provide an efficient and value for money dress code for their child.

3. Expectations

The maintenance of a high standard of school uniform is the responsibility of every member of Staff and students should be challenged in school if their uniform is incorrect. Therefore, School staff check daily upon students' arrival in form and throughout the day that correct uniform is being worn.

- Students are expected to dress in complete school uniform every day, unless a trip or event means that different clothing is allowed, and to present a neat appearance at all times. Students are required to wear full school uniform, when travelling to and from the School.
- Students who are out of uniform for any reason must inform their Form Tutor at the start of the day. A signed note from a parent/carer should be brought to school and given to the Form Tutor, stating the reason for non-uniform and the date by which the students will be back in full uniform. If a pupil does not have a note, the School will try to rectify the incorrect uniform by either contacting home or offer an item from the School's spare uniform.

4. Non-compliance

If students attend School in incorrect uniform, with no note from home, we will endeavour to resolve this by providing them with the correct uniform from our spare uniform store. If this is not possible or the student refuses to borrow our uniform without good reason we may impose sanctions as outlined in our behaviour policy. Pupils who wear facial piercings to school and refuse to take them out will not be allowed in lessons.

5. Communication with Parents

The King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls uniform policy is available on the School's website and given to new parents as they join the school. We make it clear on our website that we can offer financial assistance to families who are having difficulty in purchasing uniform as well as signposting to second hand uniform outlets who provide uniform for free. Prospective parents are given clear guidance on uniform well in advance of the admission of their child. As an ongoing reminder, and to provide clarity to parents, the School periodically reminds them about uniform expectations.

We hope that parents will support us by sending students in the correct uniform, the uniform is designed to be smart but affordable.

UNIFORM LIST 2023

School Uniform – All year round.

Compulsory Items:

Black skirt – knee length, allowing ease of movement (not tight fitting ‘stretchy skirts’).

Black trousers – the following trousers are not considered suitable for school wear: cord/jean type trousers, leggings, very tight-fitting trousers, hipsters, ‘hareem’ trousers, chinos and linen trousers. Trousers with denim jean-style studs at the top of the pockets are not acceptable. Trousers should be smart, traditional and allow ease of freedom of movement.

White long or short sleeved school shirt

Black blazer with school logo

School tie (red stripe for years 7 – 9 and gold stripe for years 10 and 11).

Sensible flat black shoes – the following are not suitable for school:- sandals, sling-back shoes, open-toed shoes, boots, ankle boots or trainers, heels no higher than 2”.

Plain white or black socks or plain black or natural tights

Boots are not part of the school uniform

Optional Items:

Black plain headscarf/hijab permitted only for religious reasons. Headbands should be plain and black, bandanas are not permitted in school. Pupils may, however, wear their hair in any style or colour that they wish.

Black Jumper with school logo, no other jumper or hoodie should be worn

Jewellery should not be worn in school apart from a watch and one stud earring in each ear. Strictly no other piercings are allowed. Noticeable make up is not permitted in school, this includes the wearing of false eyelashes.

P.E. Kit

PE Kit

Black polo top with school badge and pupil's initials.

Black leggings or joggers with pupil's initials

THESE ARE COMPULSORY ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED FROM OUR PE SUPPLIERS AS LISTED BELOW. PE KIT MUST BE WORN TO EVERY PE LESSON

OPTIONAL ITEMS – This is optional and not compulsory, however would be useful, especially in the winter months for outdoor use.

Black Shorts with pupil's initials

Hoodie – Black hoodie with school badge and pupil's initials – No other hoodie will be allowed.

For pupils who face financial difficulty, we keep a stock of good quality second-hand uniform in school. Non-logo items such as shirts and skirts/ trousers can be bought from any outlet that parents choose, for example many supermarkets stock these at affordable prices.

We may be able to offer financial assistance with the cost of buying the new uniform required for your child, please contact us on enquiry@nsg.kevibham.org and we will be happy to assist you.

Supplier Details

We are pleased to inform you that logo items of school uniform are available to purchase from the following stockists at very competitive prices:

Kids Essentials – Northfield and Rubery shops. www.kids-essentials.co.uk

Tel : 0121 477 0736

Clive Mark Schoolwear – Kings Heath shop. www.clivemark.co.uk

Tel : 0121 444 7623

Rubery swapshop offer a range of good quality, free, second hand uniform
www.ruberyswapshop.co.uk

PE Kit

Kids Essentials

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Date Agreed:

For Review:

Chair of the GB _____

Date _____