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Dear Parent/Carer

### **South Wolds Community School - Appearance and Uniform**

We have a uniform at South Wolds because it contributes to the ethos of a school and sets an appropriate tone. Our motto is "Excellence in all things". The starting point for excellence is appearance - everything else comes from that. We take great pride in the appearance of our pupils and in the co-operation of parents in this matter. We believe that it contributes to the general discipline and tone of the school.

This is in line with Government guidance on school uniform which encourages schools to have a uniform and appearance policy because it can:

- instil pride;
- support positive behaviour and discipline;
- encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos;
- ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome;
- protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and
- nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.

The law does also allow us to discipline a pupil for breach of our uniform and appearance policy. Where a pupil repeatedly refuses to follow school policy, even if their behaviour is good, exclusion may be an appropriate response.

There will, I am sure, be circumstances where pupils are unable to wear the full uniform for a very short period of time. If this is the case then pupils should bring to school a letter from a parent/carer explaining why they are not in uniform. They should then report to "The Zone" and will be issued with a 'Uniform Cover Note'. Detentions will be issued if pupils have no note from home explaining their incorrect uniform. We have a hierarchical system in place for use of lunchtime and afterschool detentions for repeated breaches of the uniform policy. We may also use the seclusion room as a sanction for recurrent failure to wear correct uniform.

The purpose of this document is to set out clear expectations for appearance and uniform. We do hope that you will find this useful in helping your children be thoroughly prepared for school.

Yours sincerely

Andrew George  
Headteacher

## South Wolds Community School - Appearance



### In Summary:

- With the exception of watches and one stud or sleeper in each ear, the wearing of jewellery is not allowed.
- Extremes of hairstyle, both in terms of colours and cut, are not allowed
- Excessive makeup is not allowed.
- Shoes must be plain black footwear with no visible coloured logos or stitching.
- Coat should be a plain black raincoat, duffel or anorak.
- Coloured T shirts should not be worn underneath school shirts.
- Hats are not permitted to be worn anywhere in school.

### Further details:

- Jewellery and fashion belts are unnecessary and can be an encumbrance and a danger in certain lessons. Therefore, apart from watches and one stud or sleeper in each ear, the wearing of jewellery is not allowed. (ie ring, ear rings, studs, neck chains and facial piercings). Students will be asked to remove fashion belts and excess jewellery. Nail varnish or fake nail extensions will not be worn. Long hair styles must be kept under control, especially in practical lessons where there is an element of danger (eg Science or Technology).
- Extremes of hairstyle, both in terms of colours and cut, are not allowed and students could be sent home or placed in isolation until the hair style is more acceptable. This includes shaved patterns or lines and coloured hair extensions.
- Excessive makeup is not allowed. Pupils will be asked to remove make-up using cleanser or make-up wipes.
- Sensible shoes are needed at all times for school wear and because of accident risk on stairs shoes without backs or with very high heels will not be permitted. Boots are not to be worn. Shoes must be plain black footwear with no visible coloured logos or stitching. Laces must also be black.
- Coat should be a plain black raincoat, duffel or anorak. Black denim is not acceptable. Hooded tops are not permitted to be worn as outerwear and are NOT classed as a coat. The school PE hooded top must only be worn in PE related activities.
- Coloured T shirts should not be worn underneath school shirts.
- Hats are not permitted to be worn anywhere inside school.

## South Wolds Community School - Uniform



### **Uniform - Years 7 - 10**

#### **Boys - Compulsory items**

- School Blazer - School regulation blue blazer, with badge, to be worn in all lessons unless otherwise directed (ie during hot weather)
- School Tie - tied correctly
- Trousers - Plain black, formal, long trousers
- Shirt - Formal regulation white, long sleeves with stiff collar. Short sleeves may be worn in the summer. Top button must be fastened.
- Shoes - see above.

#### **Boys - Optional items**

- Pullover - regulation school dark blue V-necked woollen pullover with gold stripe. No other pullover is acceptable.
- Coat - plain black raincoat, duffel or anorak. (see above)

#### **Girls - Compulsory items**

- School Blazer - School regulation blue blazer, with badge, to be worn in all lessons unless otherwise directed (ie during hot weather)
- School Tie - tied correctly
- Skirt or Trousers - Plain black knee-length skirt or plain black, formal, long trousers. Cropped trousers or shorts are not permitted
- Shirt - Formal regulation white, long sleeves with stiff collar. Short sleeves may be worn in the summer. Top button must be fastened.
- Dark tights
- Shoes - plain black lace-up or slip-on shoes in a formal style with low heels. Please note that boots or trainers are not permitted. Please see earlier note regarding shoes.

#### **Girls - Optional items**

- Pullover - regulation school navy blue V-necked woollen pullover with gold stripe. No other pullover is acceptable
- Coat - plain black raincoat, duffel or anorak. (see above)

### **Uniform - Year 11**

- School black sweatshirt with the South Wolds logo on, either the round or v-necked version. This **MUST** be purchased from D&P.
- A plain white shirt or polo shirt with a collar.
- Boys - Plain black, formal long trousers.
- Girls - Plain black, formal long trousers or a plain black knee length skirt.
- Shoes - plain black lace-up or slip-on shoes in a formal style with low heels. Please note that boots or trainers are not permitted. Please see earlier note regarding shoes.

## South Wolds Community School - Appearance (continued)



### **PE Uniform - Compulsory items**

- Sky Blue Polo shirt with PE Department logo (Girls and Boys)
- Plain Navy Blue shorts (Girls and Boys)
- Plain Sky Blue Football socks (Girls and Boys)
- Sky Blue Reversible Rugby shirt with Navy Blue Stripe (Boys only)
- Sky Blue Sweatshirt with PE Department logo (Girls only)
- Plain navy blue tracksuit bottoms (Girls and Boys)
- Trainers with laces and non-marking soles (Girls and Boys)
- Football Boots (Girls and Boys)
- Shin Pads (Girls and Boys)
- Swimming Costume (Girls and Boys)
- Towel (Girls and Boys)

### **PE Uniform - Optional items**

- Mouth guard (Girls and Boys)
- Waterproof Jacket with PE logo (Girls and Boys)
- Sky Blue sweatshirt with PE logo (Boys only)

## South Wolds Community School - Equipment



For lessons to run smoothly it is important pupils arrive with the correct equipment. This enables teachers and pupils to concentrate on the sole purpose of teaching & learning.

- A school bag to carry books securely without damage. Lockers are available from the Key Stage Managers. A deposit is payable.
- Pen, pencil, ruler and planner are essential.
- Mathematical Instruments. In addition to normal equipment pupils will need a compass and protractor for some lessons.
- Calculators. Ability to use a calculator appropriately is required in many areas of the curriculum and we encourage pupils to have their own.
- Exercise books, text books, pupil planners. These are supplied by the school for pupils' use but their use is their responsibility. Pupils/parents/carers will be expected to pay for the replacement of lost or damaged books or planners.
- An apron will required for Design and Technology, obtainable from the Technology department.
- All clothing and personal equipment must be duly marked with the owner's name.

At the beginning of every school day pupils should be 'Ready 4 School' and need to ensure:

- They are in registration punctually with their tutor.
- Their uniform is worn correctly with the tie fastened properly and blazer on. Outdoor coats are removed.
- They have a pen, pencil, ruler and planner.
- Jewellery and excess makeup has been removed.
- Mobile phones and ipods are placed in school bags.

At South Wolds we expect pupils to arrive 'Ready 2 Learn'. At the start of lessons they should ask themselves the following questions:

- Am I sat in the right place with my scarf, coat and gloves off?
- Are my exercise books, planner and equipment on the table?
- Am I quiet and listening to the teacher?