
SCHOOL UNIFORM AND LEARNER APPEARANCE POLICY 2024/2025

1. PURPOSE OF WEARING A SCHOOL UNIFORM

1.1 The wearing of uniforms has definite advantages.

- a) Uniform clothing plays an important role in maintaining and instilling discipline in learners, and discipline at school.
- b) It prevents children from poor households developing an inferior complex because they are not as well-dressed as children from richer families.
- c) It promotes unity and pride which in turn leads to better achievements by the learners.
- d) School uniforms are very durable and can be cheaper than ordinary clothing.
- e) The uniform allows learners to participate in school activities with comfort, safety and decorum.

1.2 In addition, a school uniform is also useful in:

- a) Assisting school officials in the early recognition of persons not authorised to enter a school.
- b) Helping parents and learners resist peer pressure that leads children to make unnecessary demands for particular and often expensive clothing.
- c) Decreasing theft, particularly of designer clothing, jewellery, and expensive footwear.
- d) Minimising gang violence and activity.
- e) Helping learners concentrate on their schoolwork.
- f) Showing sensitivity to age and gender.

2 PERSONAL APPEARANCE

- a) Parents are reminded that the Learners' uniform and the Learners' appearance reflects to others, the type of parent you are, the type of learner your child is and the calibre of school we are.
- b) To instil pride and discipline in the learner and in the school, we insist on learners being properly attired for school.
- c) We urge you to make sure that your child is cleanly and neatly attired every day; therefore, please follow these guidelines/rules to ensure that your child's appearance reflects the standard of our school.
- d) Where rules are not followed, the learner will be disciplined as per the school's Learner Code of Conduct. The attire/rules listed below is compulsory for learners attending this school.

3 SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST

3.1 The school has appointed official uniform shops: All school branded uniform must be purchased from them. The unbranded items such as slacks, black belts and school shoes may be purchased from any supplier, but must be school uniform items and not general wear.

Girls

- School Dress/tunic (SCHOOL SUPPLIER) or long grey school slacks (Any supplier).
- For slacks only: White short (summer)/long (winter) sleeved shirt or new golf shirt. (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- Black school shoes (Any supplier)
- Short white socks (for skirt) or long grey socks (for slacks). (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- For winter Grey wool stockings. (Any supplier)
- Maroon jersey (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- Black belt if wearing slacks (Any supplier)
- School tie (Not compulsory) (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- School Tracksuit (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- School beanie (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)

- School scarf (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- School summer hat (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- School Dri-mac (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- School Blazer (Not compulsory) (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- School sport's kit (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- Grade R: The above or the Grade R kit: for summer only – Grade R Golf shirt and green shorts. No separate sport's kit required. Winter – School tracksuit. (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)

Boys

- Grey school shorts or long grey school slacks (Any supplier)
- White short (summer)/long (winter) sleeved shirt or new golf shirt. (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- Black school shoes (any supplier)
- Long grey socks (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- Maroon jersey (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- Black belt (Any supplier)
- School tie (Not compulsory) (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
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SPORTS PRACTICES/PHYSICAL EDUCATION/LIFE ORIENTATION LESSONS

- Bottle green shorts (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)
- School golf shirt (SCHOOL SUPPLIER)

4 HAIRSTYLES

The hair policy focuses on hygiene, safety, our values of tidiness, respect for oneself and others, and pride in our school. The policy does not distinguish according to gender and/or sex. This policy is the same for boys and girls. Where necessary, clarification of the policy will be addressed by a designated committee of the SGB. Hair should be:

- a) Hair should be washed regularly and neat at all times.
- b) Hair must be free of lice, ringworm, and nits. It is the duty of parents to be aware of this problem and to examine their child's hair regularly to prevent contamination.
- c) If nits (eggs) and lice are found, on a learner's head, the learner will be sent home immediately to avoid spreading the lice. They may only return to school after prescribed treatment has been carried out successfully and all traces of nits and lice are removed.
- d) Hair must be easy to manage and suitable for being at school.
- e) Hair must be out of the face so that the child can see properly when working and playing sport.
- f) Hair must be left in its natural colour and extensions if used must be of the natural colour of the hair.
- g) No decorative shave patterns are allowed.
- h) Hair accessories must be simple: Hair ties, clips, Alice bands, headbands, and ribbons must be white.
- i) If it touches the collar or hangs over the eyes, it must be tied back.
- j) In addition, hair should be clean, neat, tidy, and considerate of others. Since these qualities are subjective, parents and guardians should use their discretion as to what this means.

- k) No bleaches, dyes or highlights.
- l) No fashion hairstyles, such 'mohicans', steps or a tattoo style.

5 JEWELLERY

- a) No jewellery other than wrist watches and medic alert bracelets may be worn to school
- b) Boys may not wear earrings
- c) Girl's earrings must stud type only (Gold/imitation gold/silver – no colours) or SMALL sleepers.

6 UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE RULES

- a) Refusal to wear the approved school uniform may be treated as a disciplinary matter in terms of the Learner Code of Conduct.
- b) Learners attending school incorrectly dressed are expected to produce a letter of explanation from their parents, and this situation must be corrected within 3 school days.
- c) When a learner arrives at school, is on the school premises or departs from school, the learner must be dressed properly. If the child has changed into the sports kit, then the child can exit the school dressed in such manner, but may not wear part sport items and part normal uniform. He or she must either remain in full sports kit or change into full uniform.
- d) Dirty clothing, broken zips, torn clothing, or missing buttons will result in demerits.
- e) Unauthorised items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the term. Learners are responsible to collect confiscated items.
- f) Finger nails must be short and clean. No nail polish/colour is allowed.
- g) Shoes must be polished
- h) School bags must be clean and tidy
- i) If a t-shirt/vests/long sleeve top is worn under the school shirt, it must not be visible above any portion of the shirt
- j) T-shirts/vests/long sleeve tops/girl's under garments which are worn under the shirt, may not be branded and may not be visible through the shirt. Only white under garments are allowed.
- k) Summer hats are not to be worn in class
- l) Underwear items e.g. boxer shorts must not be visible
- m) Pants must be worn properly and not hang below the hip line
- n) Proper hygiene is very important
- o) Towels/blankets may not be worn over the uniform.
- p) No makeup
- q) Shirts must be tucked in.
- r) Dri-mac and tracksuit jackets must be zipped up at all times. If it is warm, then rather remove the dri-mac or tracksuit jacket.
- s) Civvies items worn on non-civvies days will be confiscated and returned at the end of the term.
- t) Jerseys may not be worn around the waist or shoulder.
- u) Jackets may not be worn off the shoulder.
- v) No rubber bands, scrunchies, bands etc. around arms.
- w) No writing or drawn insignia on blazers, shoes and bags is allowed.
- x) Shoe laces must be tied properly and not left untied. No fancy adornments or tippex may be on the shoes.
- y) Religious artefacts and symbols may be worn in a manner that does not harm the learner or others, or causes hindrance to teaching, learning and physical activities. If these items are visible and are not part of the school uniform, the parent of the learner must apply to deviate from the school uniform policy. (See Deviation Form)
- z) Civvies days clothing must be appropriate in terms of age and the fact that the school is a learning environment.
 - aa) Items of clothing may not contribute to disruption of decorum and discipline or with the rights of others.
 - bb) Learners are not allowed to wear items that display gang or political party insignia or anything that is vulgar in nature.

- cc) The standard rule for sport fixtures/practices/physical education lessons/outdoor physical activities is that if the child is not dressed as required, the child will not be allowed to participate.

7 CIVVIES DAY ATTIRE

- a) Civvies days are held at various times during the year. For example, if we have a special day such as Valentine’s Day learners pay a ‘small fine’ for this privilege. This is optional and the ‘fine’ is only for learners who wish to wear civvies for the occasion. During civvies days learners are still expected to come to school neatly and correctly dressed at all times.
- b) One can appreciate that dressing in civvies gives learners the opportunity to choose what they would like to wear, but it is still important that grooming for any person's own self-respect and the good name of the school is still taken into account. The following will not be condoned on civvies days: see-through clothing, excessively tight clothing, etc.
- c) No offensive or distasteful slogans, graphics and images may be worn or displayed on clothing. It is still a normal school day and ALL learners who choose to wear civvies must be dressed appropriately for school. This means that their clothes should be modest and conservatively styled.

8 SCHOOL OUTINGS

- a) Learners are expected to wear full school uniform on school outings unless the school allows civvies clothing.
- b) If learners do not arrive in the correct uniform, they will not be allowed to participate in the outing.

9 MARKING OF UNIFORM AND LOST PROPERTY

- a) All articles of clothing must be clearly marked with the owner's name. It is very important that parents make sure that every item of clothing is clearly marked. ALL items of clothing must be PERMANENTLY and LEGIBLY marked using first name and surname.
- b) If items are handed in to lost property and are unmarked, they are kept for two weeks and then placed in the charity pile.
- c) Lost property items that have a legible name on are returned to learners via their teachers.
- d) The school cannot be held responsible for any clothing which goes missing.