

School Uniform Policy

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Welling School places great emphasis on students wearing correct school uniform as we believe it provides our students with an identity; helps promote a purposeful approach to learning; assists in promoting good standards; and represents students' commitment to the school, its values and its rules. Our strict and consistent approach is appreciated by students and parents / carers.

Welling School expects all students to attend school in the correct uniform and also that parents / carers will actively support the dress code policy.

Through our Uniform Policy we aim to promote a sense of pride in the school, support teaching and learning and allow all students to feel safe and secure.

Our School uniform requirements

All items must be clearly labelled with your child's name

These items can be purchased from Matthews Ltd, Upper Wickham Lane, Welling or Boffins, 37 Pickford Lane, Bexleyheath.

Welling School Uniform
White shirt
Black skirt or black trousers
Blazer
Black jumper (optional)
School tie (year group appropriate)
Black socks
Black shoes
School bag (A4 size or larger)
Plain coat (single dark colour)

P.E. kit – girls and boys (All Years)

Parents are advised to ensure that all items of PE kit are clearly labelled to avoid loss.

- Rugby shirt, a white, black or red polo shirt and shorts (with school logo on them)
- Socks
- Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- Girls may wear a plain red or black sweatshirt over their polo shirt instead of a rugby shirt (no hoodies)

Please note

Students should only wear full school uniform and an appropriate outdoor coat as defined above. On entering the school buildings, outdoor hats and hoods must be removed.

Ties - each year group will take their tie colour with them until Year 11 when black ties are worn.

The following items are **NOT** part of the uniform and are not permitted on school site:

- Trainers/Converse/plimsolls/canvas shoes or knee-high boots
- Sweatshirts/hoodies/zip-up tracksuit tops
- Denim/leather jackets or non-uniform cardigans/jumpers
- Baseball caps, balaclavas, snoods, durags
- Colourful coats with logos / faux fur coats or jackets
- False eyelashes or false nails

The above list is not exhaustive and what is deemed acceptable is at the discretion of the school.

Make up

Make-up should be discreet only as judged by the staff of Welling School. Students are not to wear false eyelashes or false nails. These are particularly dangerous when students are playing sport. Students will be asked to remove these by members of staff if they are worn.

Jewellery

A watch; stud earrings; one discreet ring; studs only should be worn for any other piercings, e.g. facial.

Please note: the school will accept no responsibility for injuries or recompense for loss incurred by jewellery being worn by students.

Headscarves / Hijabs

Headscarves / hijabs should be plain and in school colours, e.g. black or red.

Basic equipment – required for every lesson

All students must bring a sensible school bag every day no smaller than A4 size with a pencil case containing black or blue pen, pencils (HB and B), a 30cm ruler (graduated in millimetres), coloured pencils, rubber, a pencil sharpener and a scientific calculator for Maths.

POST SIXTEEN DRESS CODE

Girls' Business Dress	
Skirt (no Body Con material)	Appropriate length as decided by a senior member of staff; not tight fitting.
Shirt/Blouse	Shirt/Blouse (no polo shirts allowed).
Work Shoes	Heels must be suitable for the work place
Trousers	Smart style suitable for the work place. No skinny fit / jeans style trousers / leggings.
Optional	<i>Smart jacket.</i>
Boys' Business Dress	
Shirt	No polo shirts allowed.
Trousers	Smart trousers (smart chinos allowed). No skinny fit / jeans style trousers / leggings.
Tie	

Shoes	Work shoes
Optional	<i>Smart jacket.</i>
Jeans, leggings, espadrilles, trainers or canvas shoes, shorts, vest tops, tops revealing the midriff or bra straps, hoodies and baseball caps are not permitted. Make-up should be discreet only as judged by the staff of Welling School. If students do not adhere to the dress policy, they will be expected to return home to change and parents will be notified before a student leaves the school site.	

Key Stages 3 & 4

Students who arrive in incorrect uniform will be sent home to change. Where this cannot be accommodated by parents/carers, spare uniform will be provided by the school for the day. Students without correct uniform will be placed in the Refocus Room until the situation has been resolved, regardless of the reason. No student with incorrect uniform will be allowed into lessons.

Any student sent home to change will be expected to immediately return back to school, otherwise the school will consider the absence to be unauthorised.

Appendix 1: Acceptable School Shoes and coats

All students at Welling School are expected to wear black school shoes. Trainers or canvas pumps are not acceptable. Any student not wearing correct footwear will be issued with a pair of school shoes or sent home to correct their uniform.

The only exception to this is if:

- A student has a note from his/her parents explaining the reason. **In such cases, students will be educated out of circulation for the day.**
- A student has a medical issue that prevents them from wearing appropriate school shoes and they have a medical note from a doctor. They need to present this to their Head of Year who will then provide a note confirming that due to medical issues they do not need to wear school shoes.

If any parents are unable to purchase appropriate shoes for school due to financial constraints, please contact your son/daughter's Head of Year. In this instance and to comply with the Uniform Policy, the school may loan your son/daughter a pair of shoes for the interim period.

Examples of Acceptable Footwear



Examples of Unacceptable Footwear





Faux fur jackets are not permitted from 19 April 2022