



# Holte School

## School Uniform Policy

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<b>Local Authority Model Policy or School Written Policy:</b>	School Written Policy
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## 1. Aims and objectives

1.1 School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and sets an appropriate tone. It instils pride, supports positive behaviour and discipline and encourages identity with the school. Uniform can also be useful to protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way.

1.2 The Department for Education provides guidance to schools on school uniform. This includes guidance on the costs of uniform, the rights of pupils and parents, changes to uniform policies and pupil non-compliance - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms> . The school will provide support for any parent who struggles to purchase uniform for their child. Parents are able to purchase uniform from a range of suppliers, including at the school during the summer holidays.

1.3 We are committed to creating a safe and inspiring place for all children to learn and develop, where children's rights are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive as individuals and as a community. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is at the heart of our ethos and our curriculum. The four guiding principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child state that:

1. All children are entitled to the same rights without discrimination of any kind.
2. All actions concerning children will take into account the best interests of the individual child or group of children as the primary consideration.
3. All children have the right to survival and development.
4. Children have the right to express their views in all matters affecting them.

Holte School is committed to the guiding principles of the Convention and is actively committed to promoting all articles of the convention in all areas of the school and its work. The following articles are protected and promoted through this policy – articles 2, 3, 5, 18 and 28.

## 2. Implementation of this policy

2.1 Holte School has some simple conduct expectations on personal presentation. All students are expected to follow these expectations consistently and without question when on the school site and whilst representing the school:

- The school blazer is to be worn at all times unless otherwise directed to during the Summer Term. Students may ask to take their blazer off if they are hot in lessons, but they must leave lessons with their blazer on.
- Shirt tucked in at all times.
- Tie done up with the Holte School badge showing below the knot.
- We encourage wearing suitable coats during cold periods. Coats must not be worn inside the school building during the summer. In the winter a coat must be removed as soon as a pupil enters a cluster.
- A suitable school bag large enough to carry exercise books and equipment. This must be brought to school

2.2 All pupils in Year 7 -11 must follow the school uniform guidelines below at all times.

### BOYS' SCHOOL UNIFORM

Blazer with Badge  
Plain white shirt  
Black trousers (**no denims**)  
Black V neck pullover (**Optional**)  
School tie  
Dark socks  
Plain dark overcoat  
Black shoes (sensible, durable leather shoes)  
Trainers are forbidden

### GIRLS' SCHOOL UNIFORM

Blazer with Badge  
Plain white blouse  
Black trousers/skirt (**no denims**)  
Black V-neck pullover (**Optional**)  
School tie  
Plain, Flesh Coloured or Black Tights  
Plain dark overcoat  
Black shoes (sensible, durable leather shoes)  
Trainers are forbidden

### BOYS' PE KIT

Holte School royal blue football top  
Holte School royal blue shorts  
Holte School royal blue football socks  
tracksuitNavy or black swimming trunks  
Holte School royal school tracksuit  
Swimming costume  
Towel  
Trainers

### GIRLS' PE KIT

Holte School royal blue polo shirt  
Holte School royal blue shorts  
Holte School royal school  
Holte School royal blue socks  
Swimming cap  
Towel  
Trainers

Please note that the School will not accept responsibility for loss of valuables. We strongly advise that all items of school uniform are labelled. In addition, the following expectations must be adhered to at all times.

- Hair: in keeping with the image the school wishes to promote hairstyles should be sensible and practical. There should be no patterns or lines (boys). Hair should not be dyed and should be natural in colour (girls). Long hair should be tied back (if necessary) with black hair bands.
- Salwar Kameez: - The wearing of this is acceptable but only in **plain black**. Headscarves **must** be worn with Salwar Kameez. These must be plain and without designs or ornaments.

2.3 6<sup>th</sup> form students are expected to wear the school uniform. On entry to the Sixth Form students are provided with a Holte School tie and fleece. This is free of charge and provided by the school. In relation to Article 8 of the UNCRC - protection and preservation of identity, we Holte School Sixth Form Policy feel having a uniform code protects a child's right to their identify and equal footing amongst their peers. Additional uniform is available for the student to purchase.

In addition, students are required to wear a white shirt with a collar, and black trousers or skirt. Black shoes must be worn. In cases of hardship the Sixth Form manager has the discretion to use Bursary funding to support a student.

Full details of the uniform code are as follows:

- White shirt
- Holte School tie with House Colours
- Black trousers/skirt (no denim)
- Grey zip up fleece with Holte VI form badge
- Navy/black plain V-neck jumper (optional)
- Black blazer (optional – you can also wear your Y11 Holte Blazer if you wish)
- Dark socks or plain, flesh coloured or black tights
- Black shoes (sensible, durable leather shoes)
- Trainers and hooded tops are forbidden

#### BOYS' PE KIT

Holte School royal blue football top

Holte School royal blue shorts

Holte School royal blue football socks

Holte School royal school tracksuit

Towel

Trainers

#### GIRLS' PE KIT

Holte School royal blue polo shirt

Holte School royal blue shorts

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Trainers

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2.4 Non-acceptable items - Uniform will be constantly monitored; any additions to unacceptable wear/fashion trends will be updated on the school website. Any deviation from the uniform policy due to exceptional circumstances must be supported with a parental note in the student planner stating the reason

and a date when the issue will be rectified. Sanctions will be issued per the Relationships and Behaviour policy where this is not the case.

The following items are not allowed at Holte School:

- Skinny trousers or jeans
- Short skirts
- Knee-high socks

- Trainers
- Boots or canvas shoes
- Hooded tops
- Caps or hats

2.5 Advice on other optional items of wear/accessories – the following rules apply with respect to jewellery, and make-up. Jewellery: for health and safety purposes the school will not permit rings but will permit one set of stud earrings – lower ear lobe (no loops), wrist watch, one wrist band either supporting a charity or religion, one necklace tucked inside shirt. Persistent offenders will have jewellery confiscated which can then be collected by their parent/carer from the school office.

Nail varnish/nail extensions are not permitted. Extremes of fashion relating to any item of clothing, hairstyle or appearance will not be permitted.

- Hair extensions are not permitted
- Colouring is only allowed if it appears natural
- No patterns or tramlines should be shaved into the hair or eyebrows

2.6 Non-compliance – In the event of persistent uniform discretions a student may be sanctioned. This may include a detention, or a referral to the Restorative Room. Where a student arrives to school without an item of school uniform efforts will be made to provide them with the item of uniform so that they can attend lessons. If the item of uniform is not available the school will contact parents so that the item can be delivered to school. If this is not possible a pupil will remain in Pupil Office for the day and will be required to rectify the uniform breach by the following day. Whilst in Pupil Office pupils will be supervised and will be expected to complete work. Parents will be informed if their child is referred to Pupil Office.

If a student arrives to school with an inappropriate hairstyle they will be referred to Pupil Office and will be required to changes to the hairstyle before they return to school the next day. Parents will also be informed.