



NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

1. AIM

The aim of the school is to have the students dress with a school identity in a smart, affordable and practical way. At the same time, we will attempt to be sensitive to changes in fashion and style, providing they are appropriate and safe for school.

2. Jumpers

Bottle green V-neck jumper with school badge. The jumper should be brought to school at all times. The jumper must always be worn under a coat and for more formal occasions such as assembly.

3. Shirts

School polo shirt **or** plain white tailored shirt with long sleeves and buttoned to the neck. This must be worn with a tie.

T shirts/ vests worn under polo shirts should not be visible

4. Ties

A school tie (worn with shirt collar with top button fastened and tie fastened up to the neck)

5. Shoes

Black school shoes: flat, full shoe covering all of the top of the foot and fastened onto the foot with laces or strap. Shoes should be suitable for all weather types and wipeable. Shoes must not include fabric, mesh, suede and coloured logos.

- 5.1 No trainers or shoes that look like trainers
- 5.2 No boots
- 5.3 No ballet pump type shoes or plimsolls
- 5.4 No canvas shoes.
- 5.5 Socks: Plain black socks or tights
- 5.6 Socks should be ankle length or up to the knee. No 'over knee' socks

6. Skirts

Bottle green skirt with school badge worn to the knee supplied by Price and Buckland only.

The school badge should be visible at all times – not covered by the jumper.

There should not be any accessories used to alter the fit of the skirt, e.g. hair bobbles tied around the skirt. Skirts should not be rolled up at the waistband.



7. Trousers

- 7.1 Black tailored trousers for boys and girls
- 7.2 Trousers should not be made of stretchy fabric. They must not be straight legged 'skinny' type or jeans style. No patch pockets or additional trim. For safety and comfort trousers should not trail on the floor
- 7.3 Trousers should be worn on the waist
- 7.4 Black tailored shorts worn to the knee and worn with black socks and school shoes – may be worn in the summer term.
- 7.5 Plain black belt (if worn)
- 7.6 Plain black socks or plain black tights. Socks should be ankle socks or worn up to the knee. Students should not wear socks and tights together. No leggings.

8. Coat

- 8.1 Warm, waterproof coat, not a short jacket. No camouflage.
- 8.2 It is advisable a waterproof be brought to school in summer. These can be purchased from Price & Buckland.
- 8.3 No denim, cord, canvas, leather and no conspicuous logos.
- 8.4 No tracksuit tops or bottoms
- 8.5 No hoodies
- 8.6 Students are not allowed to wear coats in class
- 8.6 In cold weather plain, warm scarves and hats may be worn outside but not fashion scarves, shawls, or football scarves or hats.
- 8.7 A black or green hijab may be worn
- 8.8 NDHS/plain black caps may be worn on days when there is a risk of sunburn (decision rests with the school)

9. Jewellery, hair and make-up

- 9.1 No jewellery may be worn, with the exception of one pair of small stud earrings, a religious medal or cross on a chain worn under the shirt. No rings or bracelets.
- 9.2 The school does not allow extremes of hair fashion i.e. no lines, patterns, shaved heads (not no. 1) or obvious dyeing of the hair. No hair extensions. Hair should look natural. Please check with school first if you are unsure. Braids of natural hair colour may be worn.
- 9.3 No fashion hair accessories.
- 9.4 Hair must be kept tidy in the interests of safety (long hair tied back)
- 9.5 No marks/cuts allowed in eyebrows.
- 9.6 No obvious fake tan.
- 9.7 No detectable make-up (if it's obvious, it's too much). Make-up should not be brought to school.
- 9.8 No nail varnish/nail extensions gel or false nails.
- 9.9 No tattoos (including Henna) or body piercings.
- 9.10 No pimple patches to be worn

10. School bag

- 10.1 Must be a rucksack, satchel or messenger bag (see examples on website)



10.2 Bags must be waterproof, large enough to accommodate A4 files and textbooks and be able to fasten. They should have a strap long enough to be carried on the back or across the body. Bags should be in the style of the school bags which are now available to order from our uniform supplier, Price and Buckland.

10.3 No fashion handbags i.e. with short handles/buckles/padlocks

10.4 No camouflage or animal print/skin effect bags

11. PE/Games Kit

The school has a PE/Games uniform and this should be worn at all appropriate times.

11.1 House coloured polo shirt.

11.2 Plain black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms or black sports leggings

11.3 Green school sweatshirt

11.4 White or black socks

11.5 Sports trainers

11.6 Some activities will require that pupils bring a towel for showering•

11.7 No jewellery should be worn

11.8 Jewellery cannot be taped – it must be removed

11.9 Long hair needs to be tied with a bobble

NB: In the interests of fairness and consistency across the school, please accept Mrs Brookes' decision on all uniform matters.

Further guidance and example photographs are available on the school website

12. Any Student with a genuine reason for not wearing an item of uniform must have the appropriate "Uniform Excuse" section of their journal/planner completed by home and shown to the for tutor/Head of Year/Behaviour Manager.

13. We are always happy to receive clean, good-quality pre-loved uniform when students have grown out of it. This can be left with staff in the main reception. There are opportunities at school community events (such as the summer festival) to purchase pre-loved uniform school uniform from our pop-up stalls or on our Marketplace via your child's MCAS. You can also contact pastoral staff at any time in relation to what is available.

The final decision on all matters rests with the school who will always try to act in a reasonable manner and involve parents at an early stage.

The final arbitrator is the Headteacher /Deputy Headteacher.

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