

MJC/jr  
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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Re: Uniform 2022/23**

Many of you will be starting to think about the purchase of uniform for the next academic year. As always we want to get the new school year off to a flying start and so getting uniform and equipment right allows this to happen.

There are many reasons why uniform is important:

- Identity - we all represent Wildern and should do so proudly, the uniform brings a sense of cohesion and community.
- It means we don't have to have to think about what we need to wear each day!
- It brings a sense of professionalism, preparing our students for the outside world where many job roles require uniform or a sense of professional dress.
- It means parents do not have to spend on many different outfits for school and there is less pressure to buy branded clothing.

### **Here is a reminder of how uniform should be worn:**

- Plain white shirt, long or short sleeved, top button done up and tucked in.
- Wildern Tie
- Green Wildern Jumper
- Black Trousers- not jeans or leggings or jeggings, they must be classed by us at school as trousers. They must be tailored fit and not be tight or skinny. (Imagine being able to slide a coin from waist to ankle without it being stuck!)
- Wildern School Skirt - not rolled up and must be worn on the knee
- Socks - dark in colour. If worn with a skirt, they must be below the knee.
- Tights - grey or black

**Shoes:** We need to get this right. Please do not spend lots of money on black trainers, including Nike Air Force Ones as we will not be accepting them as footwear. If your child needs to wear trainers for medical reasons, please provide a note from a medical professional.

Shoes should be:

- Black and plain. They should be business-like and polishable
- They must not have rubber toe caps
- They must not be canvas
- They must not be trainers, school will assess the suitability of all footwear
- They should not be boots, or have heels. They cannot be sandals

**Make-Up and Jewellery:**

- One pair of studs in the ears
- No rings or bracelets
- No facial piercings or retainers
- Hair must be natural in colour
- Years 9/10/11 may wear discreet foundation
- Years 7 & 8 no make up is allowed
- No false eyelashes
- No false or painted nails allowed in any year group

**Summer Uniform Next Year:**

There will be no summer uniform next year, which means parents do not need to purchase the short sleeve shirt with the Wildern logo. Instead, we will communicate with parents when we make adjustments according to the weather, for example if ties can be removed or PE kit can be worn.

**What happens if uniform is incorrect?**

Should your child arrive in uniform that is not correct the following will happen:

- They will be sent to the Inclusion room.
- They will be given replacement uniform and be expected to change
- If this is not possible, parents will be contacted and the student will be in Inclusion until the uniform is corrected.

We have a large range of good condition pre-loved uniform that we can supply to students and parents for donations. If for any reason uniform is a challenge, please do get in touch with your child's tutor, and we can find a way to support you.

Yours faithfully

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