



Clarendon School
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Uniform Policy

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1. Aims and School Context

At Clarendon School, we believe that a school uniform is a vital aspect of fostering a sense of belonging and community identity. It helps to remove visible inequalities present in wider society and serves as a tool to teach pupils about the importance of appropriate dress and presentation as they transition into adulthood.

This policy aims to:

- Clarify our expectations for school uniform.

- Set out an approach that ensures the uniform is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for all parents and carers.
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010.

As a special school, we recognise that our pupils have diverse needs, including sensory, communication, and social, emotional, and mental health (SEMH) needs. While we apply our policy consistently, we do so with flexibility and discretion. We are committed to making reasonable adjustments to account for sensory barriers, Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA), or other specific physical or sensory requirements. These adjustments are considered on a case-by-case basis through partnership with parents and carers.

Why is uniform important? What does it signify? What does it mean in a special school context?

2. Limiting the Cost of Uniform

We recognise the cost implications of school uniforms and strive to maintain parent-friendly and reasonable expectations. Our policy follows statutory guidance to ensure affordability:

- We limit the number of compulsory branded items (those with the school logo) to keep costs low.
- Most items, such as polo shirts, trousers, and skirts, can be purchased as generic items from a wide range of high-street retailers or supermarkets.
- We avoid exclusive single-supplier contracts for generic items to ensure parents can shop around for the best price.
- All uniform items can be worn at any centre and at all ages and key stages, with the exception of a small number of optional items for secondary-age pupils

Uniform Donations and Support

We warmly welcome donations of new or high-quality used uniform from parents and families. These donations are professionally washed and integrated into our spare stock at school. This stock is used to support pupils and families who may be experiencing issues with uniform or financial hardship. We ensure that parents can access this second-hand uniform discreetly and in a timely manner.

3. Expectations for School Uniform

3.1 Core Uniform (Required for All Pupils)

All students are expected to wear full school uniform at all times.

Item	Specification	Branded/Generic
Jumper	Bottle green v-neck jumper with the Clarendon School logo.	Branded
Shirt	Plain white shirt or polo shirt.	Generic
Trousers/Skirts	Dark grey or black trousers or knee-length skirts. Plain black or dark grey jogging bottoms are acceptable.	Generic
Shorts	Dark grey or black knee-length shorts/skorts. Permitted during summer months only. Without external pockets (e.g. cargo shorts)	Generic
Footwear	Plain all-black shoes or trainers with black soles and no visible logos.	Generic

Socks	Dark grey, white or black socks.	Generic
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Note on school logo badges/patches

For pupils who prefer to wear a green cardigan or a green top made of a different material because of their sensory needs, school logo badges are available from the office to sew onto these items.

Note on Leggings & Tights

Leggings or tights cannot be worn on their own; they must be worn under a skirt or dress only.

Prohibited Materials

Denim trousers or skirts are not permitted.

Dresses

Pupils are permitted to wear a green gingham school dress in warmer months, as an alternative to the Clarendon branded jumper and skirt.

Bags

Pupils should use a small backpack, book bag or a small bag (e.g., a small tote bag or supermarket "bag for life"). These should be plain, non-branded items. We ask that children do not bring large backpacks into school.

3.2 Optional Secondary Uniform Items (Years 7 - 11)

In addition to the core uniform, secondary-age pupils may choose to wear the following:

- **Clarendon Blazer:** Marl grey with the school logo (available in various styles).

- **Clarendon Tie:** Bottle green with double silver stripes (standard or clip-on).
- **Note:** Pupils wearing a tie must wear a formal shirt rather than a polo shirt.

3.3 Clarendon Riverside Centre

Classes at Clarendon Riverside Centre are divided across two floors, with older pupils situated on the upper floor.

Pupils whose classes are situated on the ground floor should follow the core uniform expectations

When pupils graduate an upper floor class, secondary uniform options are available to them

4. Appearance and Prohibited Items

- **Jewellery:** No jewellery is allowed other than one pair of small, plain stud earrings (no pearls, stones, or enamel designs). These must be removed for PE lessons. Items for religious observance are exempt from this requirement.
- **Makeup and Nails:** Makeup, nail polish, fake eye lashes and false nails are not permitted.
- **Logos:** Other than the school logo, items should not feature external branding, team/club badges, or large logos.
- **Hair:** Extreme hairstyles are not permitted, for example: fluorescent or bright colours, shaved patterns or lines etc. Long hair styles must be tied back for health and safety reasons.

5. Attire for Physical Education (PE) lessons

Pupils should wear appropriate and comfortable clothing for sports or PE lessons, that ensures they have a full range of movement and motion as needed. For secondary age pupils this may include:

- Black or dark grey jogging bottoms/shorts (not hot pants)
- A white or bottle green polo shirt or t-shirt
- In winter months, a plain black, dark grey or bottle green fleece/sports jacket
- Plain all-black or dark grey trainers

At Clarendon School, pupils are expected to have their PE kit in school all week. Pupils should not come in their PE kit, but should wear their core school uniform.

Note: Pupils must not wear any branded sportswear to PE lessons, including any items bearing team sports crests or badges.

A full range of optional school-branded sportswear is available to purchase at our online [School Shop](#)

6. Where to Purchase

- **Branded Items:** The Clarendon v-neck jumper, optional blazer, and ties are available via our online [School Shop](#), managed by Stitch Design.
- **Generic Items:** White polo shirts, trousers, skirts, and black shoes can be purchased from any high-street retailer.
- **Second-hand Uniform:** Please contact the school office to inquire about our stock of donated and washed items.
- The school badge can be purchased from the school office.

7. Expectations for the School Community










Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times, including while travelling to and from school.

Parents and Carers are expected to ensure their child has the correct uniform and that every item is clean, in good condition, and clearly labelled with the child's name. We encourage parents to contact their Head of Centre regarding any requests for adaptations due to sensory needs or cost concerns.

Staff and school leaders will actively monitor uniform and work closely with families to resolve any breaches in a mindful and considerate manner, especially where financial hardship is suspected.

Heads of Centre have discretion on the application of this policy at their centre

Appendix 1: Clarendon Uniform - a visual guide for parents

Core Uniform (all pupils)	
<p>Clarendon School V-neck sweatshirt</p> 	<p>White polo-neck tee</p> 
<p>Black/dark grey trousers</p> 	<p>Black/dark grey shorts</p> 
<p>Black/dark grey knee-length skirt</p> 	<p>Black/dark grey socks</p> 
<p>Black or dark grey leggings or white ankle socks (with skirts only)</p> 	<p>Green gingham dress (optional)</p> 
<p>Plain all-black shoes or trainers, with black soles</p> 	

Optional Uniform (Secondary age pupils only)

Blazer



Double Stripe Tie



White shirt



White blouse



PE Attire

White or green polo shirt



Clarendon bottle green PE fleece (optional)



Black / dark grey joggers



Black / dark grey jogging shorts



Plain all-black or dark grey trainers



Plain black or dark grey fleece / overcoat (Winter months only)



Prohibited Items

Logos / Brands



Jewellery (except one pair of plain stud earrings)



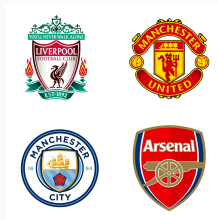
Makeup



Nail polish / long or false nails/ fake eyelashes



Team / Club Badges



Extreme hairstyles

