



The Dartmoor Federation comprises:

- Boasley Cross Primary School
- Bridestowe Primary School
- Exbourne Church of England Primary School
- Lydford Primary School
- Northlew & Ashbury Parochial Church of England Primary
- Okehampton College



Lydford Primary



Okehampton College

## Okehampton College

### School Uniform Policy

This policy was adopted by the Dartmoor Federation Policy Review Committee on

30<sup>th</sup> April 2015

and reviewed by the Policy Review Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016

There is no legislation in place that deals specifically with school uniform or other aspects of appearance but schools are expected to take full account of DfE guidance.

The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. It can instil pride, support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. Above all, many schools believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

The Governors have agreed the school uniform to be the following:

#### **GIRLS - YEARS 7 - 11**

Navy blue or black skirt of a reasonable style and sensible length

Black tailored trousers.

Plain white shirt (*with collar*)

Navy blue sweatshirt with logo

All black shoes (*No trainers*)  
White or navy socks  
Dark or tan tights are also suitable (*not leggings*)  
Sensible waterproof outdoor coat

### **BOYS - YEARS 7 - 11**

Dark grey or black trousers of a traditional tailored style  
Plain white shirt with collar  
Navy blue sweatshirt with logo  
All black shoes (*No trainers*)  
Sensible waterproof outdoor coat

### **PE Kit – YEARS 7 - 11**

#### **BOYS**

Navy blue polo shirt with College emblem  
Navy blue shorts  
Navy + gold rugby shirt  
White socks  
Long navy blue socks  
Trainers  
Football/Rugby boots  
Shin pads  
Gum shields (we have a supply of these in College if necessary)

#### **GIRLS**

Navy blue polo shirt with College emblem  
Navy blue shorts  
Navy blue PE Hoodie (available through College only)  
White socks  
Long navy blue socks  
Trainers  
Shin pads  
Gum shields (we have a supply of these in College if necessary)

#### **Please Note**

Training shoes are essential for the all weather pitch.  
We recommend that **ALL** College kit is clearly named.  
Outdoor coats are not to be worn in lessons.  
Hair styles and accessories should be sensible.  
College Uniform must be worn correctly

*eg. wearing an outdoor coat or jacket in place of the blue sweatshirt is not permitted.*

## **Jewellery**

The only jewellery permitted is:-  
one pair of small plain studs/sleepers in the ears  
a single small plain stud/sleeper in the ear

## **NO OTHER PIERCINGS TO BE WORN IN COLLEGE**

**All jewellery must be removed for all PE lessons**  
**The College does not take responsibility for the loss of clothing or jewellery**

**Extremes of fashion, whether in terms of clothing or personal appearance, are not acceptable.**

**This policy has the full backing of the Governing Board.**

**The normal College sanctions will apply for infringements of the College Uniform Policy**

## **Non Compliance with a school's uniform/appearance policy and school rules.**

- Students can be disciplined for breach of uniform /appearance policy.
- In the first instance of non-compliance the tutor will speak directly to the student, ascertain the reason for the non-compliance and try to put in a time frame to rectify the problem.
- If the problem continues or the time frame is not adhered to, the tutor will log the problem on SIMS and contact home to alert parents. Tutors should also speak to their Student Progress Leader.
- Subject teachers should inform the tutor if they notice non-compliance with school uniform guidelines and note it on SIMS.
- If the student refused to wear uniform and parents are supportive then disciplinary action should be taken by the tutor and/or Student Progress Leader.
- If the problem continues and parents are unsupportive of the issue, then the Student Progress Leader should arrange a meeting with the parent, Student Progress Leader, Assistant Principal or other member of Senior Leadership Team to discuss the issue. At this meeting the uniform policy will be discussed and the DCFS guidelines shown.
- Where a student 'repeatedly refuses to comply with school uniform policy even if they do not otherwise display poor behaviour exclusion could be an appropriate response, depending on the circumstances of the case'.

DfE 'A head teacher or a person authorised by the head teacher may ask a pupil to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This should be for no longer than is necessary to remedy the breach. This is not an exclusion, but an authorised absence.

However, if the pupil continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the pupil's absence may be counted as unauthorised absence. A pupil must not be sent home indefinitely or for longer than is strictly necessary to remedy the breach as this could amount to an unofficial exclusion. In **all** such cases parents must be notified and the absence should be recorded. When making this decision, the child's age, vulnerability, how easily and quickly the breach can be remedied, and the availability of the parent, will need to be considered. If the pupil then repeatedly infringes the school's rules on uniform or appearance, this may constitute a disciplinary offence and may be grounds for exclusion.

Uniform can be a contentious issue and we must be sensitive to the needs of the pupil as there may be good reasons why a pupil is not attending school in the correct uniform. Careful consideration should be given in discussions on uniform that students are not discriminated unlawfully on the grounds of sex, race, disability, sexual orientation and religion or belief.