



# South Ribble Common Uniform Policy

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

It is an expectation that all parents and pupils will have read the uniform policy of the school which they attend and will adhere to that school's policy. Each school will sanction incorrect uniform because we see infringement of uniform policy as an act of defiance.

## **2. AIM OF THIS POLICY**

The aim of this policy is to set out with clarity the common practice which takes place across all schools within the South Ribble District in relation to uniform policy and the enforcement of uniform policy. All parents sign a Home/School Agreement and this policy supports that agreement across all schools in South Ribble.

## **3. THE PURPOSE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Every school in South Ribble has its own distinct uniform. This is to instil pride in the school and to help students to identify with the policies and traditions of each school. A typical comment from teenagers may be that a uniform infringement doesn't stop them from learning. Neither does a pilot's uniform help them to fly a plane better or an accountant's suit enable them to make more accurate calculations. However, they add to the prestige of those wearing the required clothing and the sense that they are part of a larger group of people who represent a set of standards and values. Uniform is also an important social leveller as students cannot engage in one-upmanship with brands or designs.

## **4. ELEMENTS OF UNIFORM POLICY**

Each school's policy will have minor differences, but they will all have requirements that deal with the following areas in addition to the wearing of blazers/ties etc.:

- Haircuts (colour, length, extreme styles)
- Colour of clothing items
- Style of clothing (the cut of trousers, the length of skirts)
- Jewellery/make-up use/false nails/fake tan/fake eyelashes
- Appropriate shoe styles

## **5. HOW UNIFORM POLICY IS ENFORCED**

All schools in South Ribble operate a staged progression of sanctions when students do not comply with uniform policy

- i. Warning / Request to remove inappropriate items and hand to staff
- ii. Pupils may be offered spare uniform provided by the school as a short term measure during the day
- iii. Parents may be asked to collect from the school to remedy the uniform issue
- iv. Detention
- v. Isolation:
  - a. for repeat offences
  - or*
  - b. if a pupil is unable to address a uniform issue directly (for example the wearing of false lashes/hair dye)
- vi. For continued repeated uniform infringements a Fixed Term Exclusion may be issued

Support will be offered by schools through the provision of correct uniform for families suffering financial hardship.

## **6. NON-UNIFORM DAYS**

Schools may run non-uniform days for fund-raising activities or special occasions. A school remains a place of study and schools will still enforce standards for appropriate study and work in school on non-uniform days such as age-appropriate clothing, clothing without offensive messages.

**The school is the final arbiter in any decision about appropriate uniform/dress code.**