



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

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Dear Parent,

Uniform Information Letter - September 2022

Ahead of September, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the revised [Uniform and Appearance Policy](#). Thank you for your patience as the new uniform was agreed and then communicated in June.

Following a review and feedback from parents, the expectations for school uniform are split up into compulsory and optional items. We have reduced the number of items that are branded with a school logo but we do expect these items to also be free of other logos (sports ones for example). The school blazer, tie and PE t-shirt are now the only compulsory 'branded' items.

Monkhouse is our primary uniform supplier however we can confirm that a local retailer, Premier Sports in Ormskirk, will be able to supply uniform products. As legacy, our stockists do still have crested items available and these can be worn and are permitted within the revised policy. A reminder of our expectations:

Compulsory Uniform:

- White shirt with top button fastened and shirt tails tucked into trousers/skirt
- Charcoal grey school trousers (regular fit) or thick pleated charcoal grey knee length skirt
- Navy blazer with school badge
- School tie (different version for Year 11)
- Plain, grey socks in the same grey as the trouser or skirt
- If wearing a skirt, socks should be long but no higher than the knee (no patterns or bows) or plain black tights (minimum 40 denier) can be worn
- Plain, black, smart, sturdy shoes

Optional Uniform:

- Charcoal grey V-necked school jumper with purple trim

We are proud of the way the vast majority of our students wear their uniform and attend school looking smart and ready to learn. Further areas for improvement in 2022-2023 relate to **skirt length, strictly knee length socks, dark coats and the chosen shoe**. Your support to meet the expectations is appreciated.





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Skirts should be **strictly knee length** at the start of the year. Please ensure that your child's skirt is of the correct length before they return to school in September. If you have any concerns about the length of skirt and the fit, we suggest you contact the retailer and/or make an appointment to see them.

With regard to school shoes, as a reminder, these should be **black, leather like and sturdy**. Shoes should be traditional and look like school shoes – ballet style pumps that slip on, trainers and those that are nearly, but not quite trainers (some kickers styles) are not suitable. Please do not spend money on shoes that you are unsure about – please contact school and we can check the suitability. Following some contact with parents, here is a guide to school shoes:

Meet
School Policy



Do not meet
School Policy



The revised PE kit consists of:

Compulsory kit:

- Navy T-shirt *with school badge*
- Navy sports shorts (no sports logo)
- Navy football socks (no sports logo)
- Trainers
- Football/rugby boots/shin pads/gum shield—staff will notify when these are required





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Optional items:

- Navy quarter zip top (no sports logo)
- Navy blue sports leggings (with reflective strip)
- Navy track pants (no sports logo)

Needless to say, wherever possible for financial and reasons related to sustainability, where pre-loved uniform can be recycled or swapped, we would always encourage it. We do know that in Burscough, there is a thriving online marketplace (on Facebook – Burscough Pre-loved Uniforms) where parents are trading and selling items of our uniform and other local schools. Whilst we cannot directly endorse this group, as users, many of our parents have bought, sold and traded items successfully for the last two years.

If your child has any pieces of uniform that are still in good condition but they have outgrown, then we would be delighted to accept donations in school which we will pass onto students who need them. Our team in reception will accept all donations, preferably washed to support students who need it. If you do have any questions, please contact us on the enquiries email.

As ever, as we move towards the start of the new academic year, most important and genuinely, we do not want anyone to ever worry about buying school uniform. If you do need any support with uniform costs for September, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org or call us at school and we can talk about this in confidence.

Yours faithfully,

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