




Uniform Policy (NS-02)

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06	11.03.22	Update to PE kit requirements and 2022 order form.	JCH
07	12.09.22	Update regarding shoes and clarification on where items not having a school logo/badge can be purchased.	AFO
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For all pupils in Years 7 to 11, uniform consists of the following items, each of which should be clearly marked with the owner's name:

- Plain long or short-sleeved, mid-blue cotton blouse or shirt. This should be worn tucked in at all times with the top button fastened.
- The school tie, which is navy blue with red diagonal stripes.
- Plain navy blue knitted jumper with the school logo.
- Plain, dark grey or black plain weave trousers made of terylene or wool mixture. **No leggings, denim or jeans are permitted.**
- Black skirt (optional) in a plain style (this does not include 'skater' style skirts) of a length no more than 5cm (2") above or below the knee, made of terylene or wool mixture. Short, tight-fitting, lycra-type stretch fabric, cord or denim skirts must not be worn. From September 2026, skirts will be removed from our school uniform policy.
- Belts (optional) and socks should be black or white.
- Parents may purchase items of the school uniform that are not badged, ie. shirts, trousers, etc, from whichever supplier they wish.
- **Note: Cockermouth School will determine what is and is not acceptable uniform at all times.**



- Sensible black leather **or leather effect** shoes only, unless there is medical evidence provided that the pupil cannot wear this type of shoe. They should have no visible logo, coloured edging and branded tags should be removed.
- Canvas and suede shoes, ballet pump style shoes and shoes with high heels are not appropriate in a busy school environment.

Secondary schooling involves much walking, stair climbing and time spent in laboratories and workshops. Pupils require well-made, strong, comfortable shoes in a plain style.

Boots and high tops are not part of school uniform, and trousers should never be tucked inside boots in school.

Trainers should be brought for PE lessons only.





An anorak or coat in colder weather to maintain the overall smart and co-ordinated appearance of pupils on journeys to and from school, and on school outings. Outdoor coats, hoodies or jackets must not be worn inside the building at any time.

No jewellery should be worn, except for a watch and one pair of ear studs if desired. No facial piercings of any kind (e.g. eyebrow, nose, mouth or tongue, and including retainer studs) are allowed. Temporary tattoos, sleeves and tooth gems are also not permitted.

Hair should be kept to a simple style with no artificial colours. No tramlines or similar designs to be cut into hair. Parents are advised to consult school before pupils choose to have fashion styles. Hair accessories should be dark in colour (black or blue) and simple in design. No artificial flowers should be worn. No extreme hair styles are permitted.

Heavy makeup is not permitted. False eyelashes, lash extensions, false nails, acrylics and nail varnish are not permitted.

PE Kit:

- Plain white polo shirt with school logo.
- Red rugby shirt (required to play for boys' football and rugby teams) **or** plain navy hoodie with school logo.
- Navy shorts without any logo/branding or plain navy skort (cross between a skirt and shorts) **or** navy tracksuit bottoms.
- Navy/red hooped socks (required for all autumn and spring term outdoor lessons).
- Change of socks (sports socks for all indoor lessons and summer outdoor lessons).
- Football boots (girls - only if they wish to join girls' football teams) (advised for football and rugby lessons on the field)**.
- Training shoes (non-marking soles)***.

*** Pupils representing school teams will be required to wear unbranded/no logo navy blue shorts/skorts to participate.**

**** We advise studded boots (moulded or metal studs) rather than blades, as blades may increase the risk of injury to the pupil. Pupils who represent school teams in football or rugby must wear studded boots.**

***** Pupils will be expected to have clean-soled training shoes for indoor work.**

Pupils may choose to wear base layers underneath their PE kit. These must be red, white, black or navy base layers. We advise against these for indoor lessons unless for medical reasons

Football boots cannot be worn on the astro-turf, only suitable sports trainers should be worn, for example, astro-turf or running trainers.

We recommend that shin pads are worn for all football and hockey lessons/practice, and that gum shields are worn for rugby and hockey. Any pupil playing a competitive inter-school fixture **must** wear shin pads to represent the school in football or hockey.

Additional Items:

- Bib-fronted apron for practical subjects (optional).
- Calculator (can be purchased through Maths Department).
- Large, waterproof school bag.
- Pencil case items.

Items of uniform, including PE kit, with the school logo are a specific design and the supplier for these items is The Toy Shop, 72 Main Street, Cockermouth CA13 9LU. Contact can be made via telephone: 01900 825855 or email: thetoyshop@btinternet.com

Second-hand items of uniform are available from the Cerebral Palsy charity shop on Station Street, Cockermouth.

Parents need to be aware that pupils are responsible for their own possessions brought into school. We do not have insurance policies that cover the cost of replacing lost or stolen items. We recommend that valuable items such as mobile phones are not brought into school, and that all uniform and sports kit is labelled with the child's name and Form.

Lockers are available, and pupils should lock their equipment away when not in use. Mobile phones which are brought into school must be turned off and stored out of sight (in a bag or locker, not pockets) immediately as the pupil arrives at the school gate. They must remain turned off, and out of sight, until the pupil has left the site at the end of the day. If a mobile phone is confiscated the mobile phone policy protocols will be followed. A member of the school's administration team will contact a parent or carer to inform them of their child's phone confiscation. The phone will be made available for collection by a parent or carer. Mobile phones will only be returned to a parent, carer or nominated adult. Pupils may choose to wear a Smart Watch. These must not be used for messaging and/or gaming in a lesson and will be confiscated if a member of staff finds them being used inappropriately during the school day.

Maintaining high expectations in respect of the wearing of school uniform is an important aspect of preserving Cockermouth School standards. It is the responsibility of the whole school community to ensure a high level of consistency.

The school requires parents to show planning, foresight and support when choosing clothing and shoes for their children. The above uniform policy is clear and unequivocal. When children come to school with uniform that goes against school policy, it disrupts teaching and learning. The school sees uniform as an explicit way of preparing young people for the world of work and the expectations of the wider world. We know that sometimes there may be financial hardship and difficulties, or other challenges that our families may experience. We actively want to work with pupils and their families, and welcome contact from families so that we can offer support. This can be done by contacting Pastoral Support or the Behaviour Team in school, either by telephone – 01900 898888 or email – pastoralsupport@cockermouthschool.org.

Cockermouth School Sixth Form Dress Code

Tops

- **Formal shirt / blouse / top:** Short-sleeved styles are acceptable but thin straps and strapless tops are not permitted, and there must be no cut-outs. Flannel 'lumberjack' style shirts are not permitted. **Neckline must be in line with, or done up to, the top of armpits or higher.**
- **Jacket, V-neck jumper, cardigan, round necked sweatshirt with discreet logo / branding.** 'Shackets' and denim jackets are not permitted.
- **A plain fleece** (with discreet logo).
- **Polo shirts.**
- **Hoodies are allowed from 1st November until 1st April.** These must be either a school hoody, a plain coloured hoody (with discreet logo) or a leavers' hoody.

Trousers / Skirt / Dress

- **Tailored-style trouser or chinos:** full length, no denim or jean-styles.
- **Skirt:** Skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh and not so tight that they ride up beyond mid-thigh. Tights should be plain and the seam line should not be visible.
- **Dress:** Dresses and tights should comply with all the top and skirt rules. No tube style skirts.
- **Leggings:** Leggings should only be worn under a dress or skirt as an alternative to tights.

Shoes

- **Plain smart shoes in leather or imitation leather, or plain smart boots.**
- **Formal style, low-heeled shoes.**

Coat

- May not be worn as a substitute for a suit-style jacket. Coats, hats and scarves must be removed while in school.

Hair colour should be in accordance with the whole school policy. **Jewellery** should be discreet and the sixth form pastoral leaders, along with the Senior Leadership Team, will decide what is, or is not, acceptable.

FURTHER GUIDANCE FOR PUPILS AND PARENTS:

Dress Code Ethos

We expect sixth form pupils to take care over their appearance and to be well-presented at all times. As the senior pupils in the school and role models for our younger year groups, it is important that all clothes and shoes are worn appropriately. A smart dress code fits well with our aims and ethos.

We believe that our year 12 and 13 pupils are part of the whole school community so the dress code for sixth form should continue to be smart. We adopt the approach that pupils are dressing for a formal work setting while at school, just as they may have to do for an employer in the future. As they will be able to do as employees in many work places, we want our sixth form pupils to have the freedom to make some choices for themselves.

We are very keen that dress is not a distraction from the important business of learning and planning for the future, so ask pupils to ensure they follow the dress code. We may ask pupils to return home to change if we feel that their appearance and choice of dress departs from the code and this guidance and, does not match the spirit and ethos of the school's approach to dress. In cases of doubt, pupils should speak to their tutor or pastoral leads about what dress is acceptable.

Appendix A

 SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM 					
Student Name:				Year:	
Parent/Carer Name:					
Contact Telephone:					
Contact Email:					
72 MAIN STREET COCKERMOUTH 01900 825855 thetoyshop@btinternet.com @toyshopcockermouth					
ITEM	ITEM NAME	SIZES AVAILABLE	COST	SIZE REQUIRED	QUANTITY
	BADGED UNISEX COTTON BLEND V-NECK JUMPER (NAVY)	chest size S/10 yrs – 25"/27" XXS – 26"/30" XS – 31"/32" S – 32"/34"	£26		No. units
		M – 34"/36" L – 38"/40" XL – 42"/44" XXL – 46"/48"	£28		Total Cost
	GIRLS SHORT-SLEEVED BLOUSE TWIN PACK (BLUE)	chest size 28" 30" 32" 34"	£18		No. units
		36" 38" 40" 42" 44"	£22		Total Cost
	BOYS SHORT-SLEEVED SHIRT TWIN PACK (BLUE)	collar size 12" 12.5" 13" 13.5" 14"	£18		No. units
		14.5" 15" 15.5" 16" 16.5"	£22		Total Cost
	GIRLS LONG-SLEEVED BLOUSE TWIN PACK (BLUE)	chest size 28" 30" 32" 34"	£18		No. units
		36" 38" 40" 42" 44"	£22		Total Cost
	BOYS LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT TWIN PACK (BLUE)	collar size 12" 12.5" 13" 13.5" 14"	£18		No. units
		14.5" 15" 15.5" 16" 16.5"	£22		Total Cost
	GIRLS TWIN POCKET TROUSERS (BLACK)	waist size 22R 24R 26R 28R	£24		No. units
		30R 32R 34R 36R 38R 40R	£28		Total Cost
	BOYS SLIM LEG TROUSERS (BLACK)	waist size 26R 27R 28R	£24		No. units
		29R 30R 31R 32R 34R 36R 38R 40R	£28		Total Cost
	UNISEX TIE	Length 45" or 52"	£6		No. units
					Total Cost

	NAVY APRON	Length 28" or 34"	£9		No. units
					Total Cost
	BADGED UNISEX PE POLO SHIRT	chest size 9/10 yrs – 25"/27" XXS – 28"/30" XS – 31"/32" S – 32"/34"	£12		No. units
		M – 34"/36" L – 38"/40" XL – 42"/44" XXL – 46"/48"	£14		Total Cost
	GIRLS SPORTS SKORT (NAVY)	waist size 18"/20" 22"/24" 26"/28"	£16		No. units
		30"/32" 34"/36" 38"/40"	£18		Total Cost
	SPORTS LEGGINGS (NAVY)	waist size 23"/24" XXS – 24"/26" XS – 25"/28"	£18		No. units
		S – 28"/30" M – 30"/32" L – 32"/34" XL – 36"/38" XXL – 40"/42"	£20		Total Cost
	BADGED SPORTS SHORTS (NAVY)	waist size 24"/26" 28"/30"	£12		No. units
		32" 34" 36" 38" 40"	£14		Total Cost
	PANNELLED REVERSIBLE RUGBY SHIRT (NAVY/RED)	chest size 26"/28" 30"/32" 32"/34" 34"/36"	£23		No. units
		38"/40" 42"/44"	£25		Total Cost
	SPORTS SOCKS (NAVY/RED HOOPS)	shoe size 12-2 3-6 7-11	£6		No. units
					Total Cost
	BADGED HOODY (NAVY)	chest size 32"/34" 34"/36"	£25		No. units
		38"/40" 42"/44" 46"/48"	£27		Total Cost
	BADGED TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS (NAVY) <i>optional item</i>	Waist size 26"/28" 28"/30"	£24		No. units
		30"/32" 32"/34" 36"/38"	£26		Total Cost
Office Use Only:					
Date Picked & Packed:		TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS:			
Customer Collection Date:		TOTAL COST:		£	

All orders should be sent to The Toy Shop by email: thetoyshop@btinternet.com, or to the shop at 72 Main Street, Cockermouth, CA13 9LU. Please **do not** return your order form to school – all orders should be returned to The Toy Shop by email, thetoyshop@btinternet.com, or to the shop at 72 Main Street, Cockermouth, CA13 9LU.

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