



**FORGE
VALLEY
SCHOOL**
& SIXTH FORM

UNIFORM POLICY

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1	All	New Uniform Policy created in updated template	September 2025	M Barker
2	4	Clarified wording on trousers/skirts, jewellery, makeup, and sanctions; added reference to affordable uniform options	September 2025	M Barker

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1. Important Contacts

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2. Aims

This policy aims to:

- To promote a positive school image
- To encourage self-esteem in pupils by reducing competitive dressing;
- To prepare pupils for the expectations of employers with regard to standards of dress.

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3. Legislation and Statutory Requirements

This policy is based on the following advice from the Department for Education (DfE):

- [School Admissions Code 2021](#)

As an academy, the school is required by its funding agreement to comply with these codes, and with the law relating to admissions as set out in the [School Standards and Framework Act 1998](#). This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

4. Uniform

Item	Details
Blazer*	Forge Valley branded blazer
Tie*	Forge Valley red and black tie or Prefect tie
Shirt	Plain white tailored, collared long or short-sleeved shirt (with a top button)
Jumper* (Optional)	Forge Valley branded black jumper
Trousers	Plain black formal tailored trousers with a front pleat/crease in suit-type material. Must not be tight fitting.
Skirt	Plain black knee-length skirt in suit-type material. Must not be tight fitting. Please see example diagrams below.
Footwear	Plain black formal smart shoes. Black leather boots may be worn in winter but must be worn under the trousers. No Ugg-style boots, no ballet pumps. No black trainers. Pupils not in correct footwear will be given plimsolls to wear. See diagrams below.
Socks	Plain black ankle or below-the-knee socks
Tights	Plain solid black, e.g. 40 denier

Item	Details
Belts	Plain black attached to waistband
Coats, hats, scarves & gloves	Only to be worn outside the building
Jewellery	No more than the following may be worn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One pair of studs or small rings, one in each ear • One ring on each hand • One necklace worn inside the clothes • One bracelet • One watch • No facial or tongue piercings, including plastic retainers
Makeup and false nails	Discreet makeup and no false eyelashes. Light foundation or mascara acceptable; heavy eyeliner or lipstick is not. No false nails/acrylic nails.
Hair	The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts or colour.
PE Kit	<p>Compulsory Royal blue Forge Valley branded T-shirt Navy blue sports shorts – no logos Navy blue football socks Trainers – no pumps or Converse Football boots and shin pads Hair bobble for long hair</p> <p>Optional Extras Plain navy blue / black sweatshirt with no logos or Forge branded hooded top Plain navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings – no logos Waterproof sports jacket (any colour)</p> <p>Additional Note: Please note that pupils who are excused from PE must still bring their full FV PE kit and take an alternative role in lessons. Any student without kit will be asked to wear spare FV PE kit.</p>

4. Uniform Cont.

The guidance on the wearing of jewellery has been determined by our Health and Safety Policy and our obligations under the anti-discrimination legislation. We ask that pupils and their parents remain aware that school dress, including the wearing of jewellery and make up should reflect what is considered safe, professional and appropriate in a wider context. All jewellery must be removed for PE.

We retain the right to determine what is acceptable and individual cases will be referred to the Headteacher for a final decision.

We are a place of learning and the progress of pupils and their safety informs everything we do.

We clearly encourage ethnic pupils to continue to wear cultural dress to school but would ask that they conform to the school colours.

Any pupil who does not conform to the school uniform policy, will be dealt with within the normal structure of disciplinary procedures and parents will be contacted. Pupils, where appropriate, will be sent home to change into school uniform.

If pupils do not have the correct uniform at home, the school may provide the correct uniform items if available. If we make items available to your child, you will be contacted to ask if you wish to purchase this item. Please see the current charges for items which can be provided.

Item	Price
Trousers & Skirts	£8
Shoes	£17
Ties*	£6
Shirts	£6
Tights	£2.50
Stationery	£1.50

Forge Valley Uniform items:

Pupils who refuse this will be sent home to rectify their uniform issue.





* All pupils borrowing a school tie must return it to pupil reception at the end of the school day or the beginning of the following school day. Failure to do so will result in parents being charged £6 via ParentPay.

Affordable Uniform

Forge Valley understand that some parents need to source a cheaper school uniform for their child. The British Red Cross charity shop on Middlewood Road, Hillsborough sell second hand items of school uniform at a more affordable price. Please ask to see the range of Forge Valley School uniform when visiting the store as they only have a few items on display; the rest is kept in stock.

As always, should buying school uniform be a financial hardship and prevent you from buying the necessary items for your child, please contact the school at info@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk

Please see the enclosed examples of uniform which are permitted and which items Forge Valley School do not permit pupils to wear.

	
<p>Trousers must be Plain black formal tailored trousers with a front pleat/crease in suit type material. Trousers must not be tight nor have visible zips or buckles.</p>	<p>Skirts must be plain black, not too tight and not shorter than the knee</p>
	
<p>School shoes are particularly expensive, but we have had some issues with parents spending a lot of money on footwear which clearly does not take note of the school's policy. Indeed, we are told that many retail outlets promote these trainer-like shoes as being 'school shoes.'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School shoes plain black and formal/smart shoes</p>	
<p>* Blazers, jumpers and ties must be ordered through Pinder's Schoolwear, either through the school, on-line or at their shops. (Crystal Peaks or Rotherham town centre).</p>	

			
<p>No mini-skirts</p>	<p>No tight lycra skirts</p>	<p>No tight trousers</p>	<p>No Jeans</p>
<p>No visible zips or buckles</p>	<p>No designer/decorated ballerina pumps</p>	<p>No canvas Shoes/Trainers</p>	<p>Skirts must be plain black, not too tight and not shorter than the knee</p>
			