

WALTON LEDALE HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of term, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit the uniform expectations.

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It is a social leveller and it also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

It would be fair to say that, this term, we have a number of interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform and we believe it is time to clarify our expectations for students and parents.

The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference, but please see the additional guidance below:

- Skirts – school kilt style skirt, available from school.
- Blazer - available from school.
- Socks – black or white.
- Shoes – black polishable leather or simulated leather, please see examples below.



No boots, canvas shoes or trainer style shoes are permitted. Please see below examples of shoes which are not permitted.



Make-up, false eyelashes, nail varnish or jewellery – must not be worn for school. Items of jewellery will be confiscated. No body-piercing is allowed, e.g. nose studs, tongue studs or other ear piercings.

Hair – should not be outlandish in style or colour and no brightly-dyed/multi-tonal hair is permitted. Heads must not be shaved – as a guide, a number two cut is the shortest permitted and there should be no tramlines or patterns shaved into hair.

We believe that we have been very reasonable over the past few weeks as we understand that parents do not want to buy new uniforms for children at this point, however we will be enforcing the uniform policy when we return after summer.

If you have any questions about the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the school or refer to the uniform policy on the website. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying. If there are any extenuating circumstances, which mean you are unable to meet the uniform requirements or any reasonable adjustments you feel we need to consider which are not already in place, please contact your HAL.

Families in receipt of free school meals are entitled to £60 towards the cost of uniform or our Blackburn bus.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V Arden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'V' at the beginning.

Vicky Arden
Headteacher