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Dear Parents/Carers,

September 2025

As a school we are constantly striving to raise the standards of our young people to ensure that they are responsible and valued members of the school and wider community. As such, we would like to re-emphasise the standard of uniform. We appreciate how much support families have already shown the school in sending their children into school every day in the correct uniform and this demonstrates pride in their school and their learning.

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Most schools in England have a school uniform or dress code and other rules on appearance. Department for Education strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure students of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of students.

We, therefore, expect that students will not only wear the correct uniform, but also wear it properly at all times, on the way to and from school and during the school day.

Parents/carers should pay particular attention to the following areas:

School Tie

The tie should have **8 stripes** visible and should reach the naval in length. This is a change from how students currently wear them.

Shoes

These must be plain black **shoes (not trainers or canvas shoes)** and below the ankle. We do not allow black shoes with coloured markings or white stripes around the sole. We do not expect you to buy expensive shoes for your child and please do not bow to child pressure to buy labelled footwear which are not necessary at all. We need parents/carers to support us in this. **Please be aware that we do not accept sports branded shoes. These brands include Adidas, Nike (including Nike Air Force), Puma, Reebok, New Balance, Umbro, Mallets, Fila. (This is not an exhaustive list).** If you are unsure as to whether a pair of shoes fits this criteria, please contact school before purchasing them. **This is non-negotiable.** Students not wearing correct footwear will be offered suitable shoes to be worn for the day or isolated.

Skirt

School skirts should **not be rolled up** and should reach mid-thigh in length.

Socks and Tights

These should be plain black. **Socks with frills or bows are not permitted.** From 1st October 2025 students will be expected to wear tights (minimum 60 denier) with skirts and socks will no longer be permitted.

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Hair

Hair colour must be natural. We do not allow unnatural hair colours of any type either part or full head. Shaved pattern styles and extreme haircuts are not permitted.

Jewellery and Piercings

Jewellery permitted within school is a wristwatch and one small pair of studded earrings. No hooped earrings are permitted. Facial piercings are not allowed at all. Piercing - completely clear only. No septum piercings allowed at all. Nose piercings are not accepted at Werneth school. If a child needs to wear a nose accessory to ensure the piercing doesn't close this must be a clear stud.

Nails

False nails of any description are not permitted within school. This includes acrylic and gel nails. Nail varnish is not permitted within school. Please arrange the removal of any false nails before students return to school on Monday 1st September.

False Eyelashes

We do not permit students to wear any false eyelashes. Please do not allow students to attend school with false lashes. Any semi-permanent lashes must be removed before returning to school.


School Bags

School bags are an essential piece of our school uniform. It allows our students to have somewhere to store their belongings including outdoor jackets, pe kit, equipment, mobile phones and homework. All students should arrive at school with a school bag that is able to fit an A4 file in it.

The Department for Education makes it quite clear that students can be asked to return home briefly to comply with the uniform expectations. This is not exclusion, but an authorised absence. However, if the student continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the student's absence may be counted as unauthorised absence, and you may receive a penalty notice warning and fine in relation to that absence. Where non-compliance is persistent the Department of Education does consider suspension to be an effective response. This is of course something that we wish to avoid, and a number of items will be available for students in case of an emergency. Our expectation is that students will change into these items promptly and therefore not jeopardise any loss of learning or additional consequences for failing to comply.

We appreciate school uniform can be a burden on our families but it exists for the purpose of consistency and equality. Please support our school in ensuring your child conforms to all aspects of our uniform policy.

Regards



Mr D Willis
Deputy Headteacher

Item	
Blazer	Black with school logo.
Jumper	Red with school logo. (optional)
Trousers / Skirt	Black pleated skirt or black tailored school trousers Black 2.5" stitch-down knife pleated style.
Shirt / Blouse	White school shirt, either short sleeved or long sleeved.
Tie	School tie only, must be worn correctly and tied to the top of the collar. The length of the tie should be 8 stripes and reaching the naval.
Shoes	Black plain footwear below the ankle bone. No sports brands (SEE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE WITHIN THE LETTER)
Socks / Tights	Black socks must be worn below the knee. No Frills or bows are permitted. From 1 st October 2025, Black tights (Minimum 60 denier) must be worn when wearing a skirt. Socks will no longer be permitted from this date.
Jewellery	Only a wrist watch and one pair of studded earrings worn in the ear lobes are permitted. No facial piercings, ear spacers, stretchers or tunnels.
Bag	Strong waterproof bag, no handbags. The bag needs to be large enough to hold an A4 file.
Equipment	All students need appropriate equipment for learning, including a pen, pencil and ruler. They will need subject specific equipment such as a scientific calculator for Maths.
Make-up	All years – Discreet
Nail varnish/ false nails	Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted.
Hair	No extreme hair styles, such as shaved, patterned style or unnatural colours. Head scarfs are permitted to be worn for religious purposes. Headscarves must be plain black.
Outdoor Wear	A coat. (Not to be worn in the school buildings). No scarves or gloves in the school buildings. No hooded tops, sweatshirts, denim or leather coats.
PE Kit	Footwear: trainers with moulded sole, football boots (screw in studs recommended for team players). Clothing: Training T Shirt and shorts – Purchased from our suppliers (below).
	Werneth black sports top, optional black sweatshirt, black shorts, red socks. Optional black tracksuit trousers.
Suppliers	<u>Monkhouse Schoolwear</u> , 217 Chestergate, Stockport. http://www.monkhouse.com/category/223/Werneth_School <u>Bonnie Bouncer</u> , Stockport Road, Bredbury.

Appearance

Students at Werneth School wear uniform and have a code of appearance. All uniform and PE kit requirements are obtainable from our suppliers Monkhouses and Bonnie Bouncer. School uniform is worn for visits which take place during the school day, but this regulation is waived when other clothing is more appropriate, e.g. on Geography Field Study visits, at college or work placements. For visits outside school hours, students are asked to present themselves suitably dressed for the particular occasion.

Acceptable Footwear - Plain Black



Not Acceptable Footwear

