

NEW MILLS SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM



School Uniform Expectations

At New Mills School we enforce a strict uniform policy from Years 7 to 11. We are committed to high standards of uniform and appearance from all members of our community. We believe smart uniform and appearance are very important; providing our students with a corporate identity, encouraging pride in appearance and allowing for positive community recognition. It also reflects the highest standards and expectations we set throughout the school. All of our staff are required to ensure student uniform and appearance are monitored at all times and we ask parents/carers to support and enforce our uniform and appearance policy.

Uniform

- School blazer *
- House tie *
- Regulation black pleated school skirt * no shorter than knee-length and no longer than mid-calf.
- Regulation black tailored trousers; neither skinny, tight nor baggy; nor excessively flared; not denim, brushed denim or canvas fabric.
- White shirt (not blouse) – short or long sleeved. Shirts must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.
- Plain black socks or plain, black opaque tights. **Black leggings will not be permitted.**
- Sensible plain black leather or leather look shoes. **Canvas shoes, trainers or boots will not be permitted.**
- Plain school bag fit for purpose.

Skirts, trousers and shoes must be practical and formal, not fashion items.

Optional Items (girls & boys)

- School jumper or tank top *
- Outdoor Coat – sensible and fit for purpose. Hoodies are not to be used as an outdoor coat.

PE kit is as follows:

- Black shorts
- Black games socks (for outdoor PE)
- Red polo shirt with school badge *
- White socks (for indoor PE)
- Non-marking footwear for indoor PE
- Trainers for outdoor PE

Particular items for particular sports:

- Rugby jersey * reversible black with red band inside
- Mouth guard for rugby and hockey
- Football boots for outdoor PE

Optional Items

- Black tracksuit bottoms

(* only available from Trutex Direct or Headmaster's School wear in New Mills)

School Bags

Students must use an appropriately sized waterproof bag to carry their books and equipment. It should hold A4 sized work books comfortably and without causing any damage.

Appearance

The only permitted jewellery which may be worn is:

- 1 pair of earrings – small sleepers or studs only - no other piercings are permitted to be worn.
- 1 ring
- 1 wrist watch.

Wrist bands and friendship bracelets are not permitted.

Facial piercings including eyebrow, lip and nose studs are not permitted on the site by students as a result of health and safety concerns. If parents allow students to have such piercings, these should be done at the beginning of the summer holiday to enable the removal of the studs before the start of the new term.

Note: Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded.

Accessories

- Headbands must be plain black.
- Belts must be black.

Items banned include but are not limited to:

- Sunglasses
- Badges - other than the school badges or charity badges during a charity campaign.
- Hats - other than for the walk to and from school
- Hoodies

Cosmetics

- False nails and nail extensions are not permitted.
- Only clear nail varnish may be worn.
- Make up, in moderation, is only permitted to cover blemishes.
- Students wearing too much make-up will be required to remove it.

Hair styles

- Hair may not be worn in extreme or outrageous styles.
- Students are not permitted to be shaven bald or Number One cuts; haircuts where patterns, stripes or letters have been cut into the student's hair.
- Hair colour must be that of natural shades.
- Hair extensions may not be worn.
- We may ask students with long hair to tie their hair back in certain situations for health and safety reasons.
- Headbands can be worn but must be plain black.

Uniform outside school

Every student must wear school uniform with a tie, for journeys to and from school, in school and for all official school functions. This will include home and away matches and all school trips unless a teacher gives specific instructions to the contrary. Trainers may be worn for casual games during lunch time. However, all students must wear correct shoes for lessons and journeys to and from school.

Our Uniform and Appearance Expectations- (Further detail)

Blazers must be worn at all times at all times during the school day and to and from school. Teachers may give permission for blazers to be removed in the classroom. During warm weather, students may remove blazers during lunchtime and breaks. On exceptional hot days we will have 'no blazer days' and students will be informed when this rule applies.

Shirts and Ties

Students must wear a formal white collared short or long sleeved shirt; tucked in with sleeves rolled down at all times. Students should wear their school ties at **all** times (except PE lessons) Altering or defacing a school tie means that it is no longer fit for purpose and consequently it will be removed and the student will have to replace it. Ties should be worn on the journey to and from school.

Trousers and skirts

Trousers must be **black formal tailored** full length trousers. Skirts must be formal and at least **knee length**, and **not** be stretchy, lycra, or frilly skirts. **Tracksuit bottoms, jeans, chinos, combats, skinny trousers or any other fashion trouser that either clings to the leg at any point or flares out are not acceptable.**

If a belt is required it must be plain and black and not with a large buckle. Many retailers will advertise and sell fashion trousers/skirts as school uniform. Please be cautious and remember all uniform must adhere to our uniform code. If you require advice before purchase, please contact school.

Footwear

We want students to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for students to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels. For reasons of health and safety we do not allow them to be worn in our school.

Neither do we allow students to wear trainers to school. Whilst appropriate for sport and leisurewear, this footwear is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all students to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.



Are you wearing the correct school uniform?



Non-compliance to the uniform policy

The enforcement of the decision to adopt a school uniform is the responsibility of the Headteacher as part of her overall responsibility for the day-to-day running of the school and for the maintenance of discipline.

We have a 'zero tolerance' approach to incidents of non-compliance with our School Uniform Policy. In the event of any student arriving at school without the correct uniform:

- We will seek consent from the parents/carers to send the student home in order to address the issue. The student should then return to school wearing the correct uniform.
- If a student arrives with a note from their parent/carer explaining why they are not in school uniform due to unforeseen circumstances e.g. shoe broke on way home, we will issue them with the correct item of uniform e.g. shoes, blazer, skirt etc. from our own school stock until the correct item of uniform has been sorted.
- If the student refuses to wear the school issued item of uniform they will be placed in seclusion. Appropriate work will be provided by the student's teachers throughout the day. Contact will be made that day with parents/carers to ensure that the student wears the correct uniform the following school day.