

Our Vision
Achievement for all
Our Mission

To fulfil this through developing every child's personality abilities and talents to the full, to be the best that they can be.

This school is a Rights Respecting school and we support children's entitlement as expressed in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The rights which apply to this policy are:

Right 2. Non discrimination. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.

Right 3. The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.

Right 16 Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life.

EQUALITY IMPACT

This policy aims to ensure that all students are able to know what to wear when they come to school. It acknowledges that at times and for specific reasons, some element of the uniform may not be appropriate and we are always happy to find the most suitable compromise towards this, whilst maintaining the need for a community feel for all our learners.

The non-wearing of the complete uniform at Sandgate school will never be a barrier to the offer of education. We work with children, students and families to support them to feel comfortable to engage in their learning whilst in school.

At Sandgate School, we pride ourselves with being smart, comfortable and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children should wear school uniform in Reception and Key Stages 1-4 while attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside the normal school hours. We ask that all children take pride in their personal appearance. In our 6th form, we allow students to wear appropriate clothing of their choice.

All items of embroidered uniform can be bought from Coniston Corporate or where uniforms are already badged, whilst other non-embroidered items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops and supermarkets.

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As a school, we pride ourselves in reducing, reusing and recycling, so we hold onto a range of uniform items, donated from parents that have been outgrown and are still in excellent or very good condition. Parents can contact school at any time during the year and take any uniform items that are needed.

Aims and Objectives:

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of harmony, community and belonging
- Identifies pupils within the school
- Supports the school vision of inclusion
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes'
- Is a social leveller
- Is considered to be good value for money

The Role of Parents and Carers

As a school, we believe that it is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child has the correct school uniform and P.E. kit, that it is clean, in good condition and that the child's name is clearly labelled on all items. If a parent does have difficulty with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to their child's class teacher or the head teacher to discuss the issue. As a school, parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Our school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious or medical grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform cited in the Uniform Policy, we will consider these requests sympathetically. Discussions will take place between the parent and class teacher to agree the most suitable clothing and uniform for any specific reasons.

The Role of the Governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the Uniform Policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal Monitoring and Review opportunities. Governors ensure that the school Uniform Policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is safe, practical and comfortable.

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Monitoring and Reviewing

The governing body monitors and reviews the school Uniform Policy by:

- Seeking the views of the children (School Council), staff and parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- Considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents and individual children to have special exemption with regard to school uniform

School Uniform List Items marked with * are available to order from Coniston Corporate

Reception and Key Stage 1-3 students on the **Sandgate Site** are required to wear

- Blue sweatshirts, cardigans or fleeces (not hoodies) which are ideally embroidered with the school logo*
- Reception and Key Stage 1 & 2 students wear the royal blue sweatshirt*
- Key Stage 3 students (on the Sandgate site) wear the navy blue sweatshirt*
- White polo shirts either with or without the school logo*
- Grey or black school trousers, 'school shorts', pinafores or skirts
- Black, white or grey socks or black or grey tights
- Black, 'leather' shoes

Key Stage 3 and 4 students on the **QKS site** are required to wear-

- Maroon Blazer which are embroidered with the Sandgate at QKS logo *
- Years 7,8,9 - Grey v neck jumper, embroidered with the Sandgate at QKS logo* Silver Tie*
- Years 10,11- Black v neck jumper, embroidered with the Sandgate at QKS logo * Maroon tie*
- White shirts
- Grey or black school trousers, 'school shorts', pinafores or skirts
- Black, white or grey socks or black or grey tights
- Black, 'leather' shoes

6th Form students-

We ask students in the 6th form to come to school ready in clothes to allow them to work that day. For example, if they are going to be on Work Experience in the garden, they will wear different clothes than if they were going to be working in the kitchen of a hotel. In PE- we ask them to wear appropriate, non-revealing clothes.

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P.E. Uniform List

Children need a change of clothes, socks and footwear for P.E. (for health and hygiene reasons) in a drawstring bag or a rucksack.

For P.E. children are required to wear:

- Black shorts
- White t-shirt or polo shirt either with or without the school logo*
- School hoodie or fleece with or without the Sandgate at QKS school logo *
- Black jogging bottoms or leggings for outdoor PE lessons in cold weather
- A pair of trainers or pumps

Swimming

Students must wear a one-piece swimming costume, no bikinis unless agreed by the swimming teacher for medical/care needs.

Any student who wears nappies must wear the appropriate single use swim nappies in the pool.

Students are encouraged to bring appropriate toiletries, combs etc so that staff can support them to work on their self-help skills.

Jewellery, hair ornaments, make-up and nail varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear excessive jewellery. Children and students may wear earring stud/s in pierced ears and a watch. Children and students are required to remove these items during P.E. and swimming lessons to prevent them causing injury. Please note: staff are not permitted to remove earrings or to replace them.

Long hair should be tied up during any practical activities for safety and to allow participation. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school.

In Key Stages 1-4, make up and nail varnish should not be worn. In the 6th form, these are permitted, but nail varnish is not allowed during any food preparation activities.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear shoes with a platform sole or a high heel. All children and students are required to wear plain, black, 'leather' shoes without logos. If boots are to be worn, they also need to be plain, black 'leather'.

In some classes due to the time spent taking part in outdoor learning, it is important that all children have a named pair of wellies which can be kept in school or sent in as necessary.

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Tattoos

Tattoos (if any) must be unobtrusive and of non-offensive, non-violent nature.

Implementation of the Uniform Policy

- Class Teachers will monitor the uniform worn by the children.
- We appreciate that on occasions, children may not be able to wear the complete uniform, e.g. broken shoes. We request on such occasions; families inform staff to keep us updated.
- If families are struggling to provide the uniform for their children, we will support the families using some of the recycled uniform available to us.
- Class teachers and parents will discuss and necessary alterations to wearing of the uniform, especially in terms of medical needs and comfort.

Purchasing of Uniform

Non embroidered items can be purchased from any shop or supermarket.

Pre worn uniform can be requested and collected from school- just contact us to help you with this.

Embroidered items should be purchased from Coniston Corporate. The easiest way to do this is via our website. Click on the “**Information**” tab, click the “**Parents**” tab, scroll down to the “**Uniform Ordering**” tab.

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