

Uniform FAQ

Why are you changing the uniform?

The focus on improvement of standards in school has led to discussions amongst the student body about their desire to change the school uniform. We are also now a part of the Trust, we have a new logo and therefore this needs a phased implementation on our uniform from September 2023.

How have you chosen the uniform?

We have gone out to consultation with parents/carers, staff, students and uniform suppliers. We wanted the new uniform to be smart, durable and affordable.

How did you choose the suppliers?

We have liaised with a number of different companies and have gone with the two companies that can provide quality and affordability.

Can we buy some of the uniform from supermarket?

Yes – the uniform that has branding on it (blazer, jumper, PE polo top, PE ¼ zip) needs to be purchased from the uniform supplier. The rest of the uniform can be purchased from the uniform supplier if you wish, and we would encourage this to ensure the correct items are purchased. Alternatively, you can source the uniform from the supermarket, **but** it must meet our criteria.

What if we buy the uniform elsewhere and it doesn't meet your criteria?

We will have a selection of uniform in school that students will be required to borrow. There will be no exceptions to this. If students refuse to borrow, then the behaviour policy will be followed.

How long should the skirt be?

The uniform should be longer than finger tip length when standing up right, with hands by their side. **There will be no exceptions to this.**

Which year group will have which colour tie?

The student leadership team will choose this in the next few weeks. There are five colour ties; all 5 colours are from the WMS logo (purple, blue, green, gold, white). The tie will follow the students through for all 5 years. **You will get given this for free this week – Wednesday Year 9 & 10 and Thursday Y7 & 8. Take it straight home and do not lose it!**

Will you financially support us?

Yes, if required. We just need to be informed. Please contact us to discuss this and we will look at how we can potentially contribute and support.

Are there any deals to help with purchasing the uniform?

Yes, we have negotiated with local uniform suppliers for a blazer, tie and PE top package deal which will cost: sizes 28" - 36" = £37.00, for sizes 38" - 48" = £44.00.

Where are the uniform suppliers based?

Rawcliffes - 18A Crackenedge Lane, Dewsbury WF13 1PT
01924 465510 www.smartschoolwearcentre.co.uk

Smart Uniforms, 1-3 Cheapside, Batley WF17 5ND
01924 442294 www.smartuniforms.co.uk

When does the phasing in of uniform begin?

WMS 'new logo' blazer and V-neck jumper— phased in until Sept 2024. Year 7 from sept 23 and optional for year 8-11 until sept 24. WMS school tie (colour linked to year group) - from September 2023. PE kit – to be phased in completely by September 2025.

Do we need to purchase a new PE kit just for Year 11?

No. Old PE kit is allowed until September 2025.

Can we still wear the old jumper and blazer.

Yes, you can until September 2024.

Does school have any physical examples of straight skirts that the girls could see. Is it allowed a slit or zip.

Yes the example skirts are down in the Heads of Year office. There are to be no zips. Tailored skirts only, that are not tube/stretchy material.