



# The Fernwood School

*High Achievement with Care & Discipline for All*

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## Appearance & Uniform Policy

This policy will be monitored regularly and evaluated so that it remains responsive to current issues. This will be co-ordinated by the Assistant Headteacher, KS3.

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## Appearance

The school takes great pride in the appearance of its pupils and in the co-operation of parents on this matter. We all need to work together to maintain our high standards. This is extremely important to the general discipline and tone of the school. The overriding factor in our choice is that pupils should wear safe, practical clothing which reflects a smart, dignified appearance.

## Jewellery

For health and safety reasons jewellery is not permitted. If a pupil wears jewellery it will be confiscated and returned to parents.

Pupils who wish to have their ears (or any other visible area) pierced should plan this at the beginning of the summer holiday so that the skin has sufficient time to heal. Small, clear, discreet plastic retainers are permitted to support healing but must be small and discreet.

Plasters may not be worn to protect earrings or any other piercing.

If your child is required to wear a piece of jewellery such as a kara as part of their faith, we ask that you inform their Head of Year.

## Hair, Make-up and Nail Polish

Pupils are expected to ensure that their hair is of natural colour. For health and safety reasons make-up, nail polish, false nails or excessive hair accessories are not permitted. Any head bands must be either plain black or plain white. No extreme hair styles i.e. Mohicans or patterns cut into hair. Please check with school if you need clarification or require advice. Pupils who breach the uniform rules will be required to rectify the situation as soon as is practically possible and will complete a uniform detention on the same day. If an issue persists they may be placed in the Internal Education Room until the issue is resolved.

## Valuables

Valuables must not be brought into school – this includes electronic devices, mobile phones or internet enabled watches. If pupils have an emergency one-off situation where a mobile phone is required, they must speak in advance to their Head of Year.

If a pupil brings a mobile phone into school without prior consent, it will be confiscated and returned in person only to the parent/carer who will need to come into school to collect it. Pupils found with a mobile phone in their possession in school will immediately receive a C3 detention.

Searches may be carried out as instructed by the Headteacher if we have reason to believe that a student is in possession of a phone.

## Branded Items

- ✿ All children are required to wear the branded Fernwood **clip on tie**.
- ✿ All children are required to wear the branded Fernwood **blazer**.
- ✿ All children are required to wear the branded **short sleeved PE top** for PE lessons.



- ✿ Children that choose to wear a **skirt** must wear the branded Fernwood skirt. Skirts must not be rolled up / shortened.

*(Please note that all children are permitted to wear skirts, trousers, or shorts).*

## Non-Branded Items

Children who wish to wear a **jumper** under their blazer can now wear a **non-branded** v neck black jumper. Jumpers are optional but many of our students do choose to wear them, particularly in colder weather. Jumpers are not a replacement for a blazer though; they are an optional additional uniform item. The branded jumpers are still available from our main suppliers, and you can still purchase these if you prefer to, however it's no longer compulsory to wear the branded jumper if choosing to wear one.

Jumpers should be of a knitted material (not sweatshirt material) with a deep V that allows two full stripes of the tie to be visible (as highlighted in the photo below):



## Guidelines on uniform

- ✿ Trousers - Plain black tailored (formal/suit type)
  - Must not be rolled up/must cover ankles
  - Jeans, cords, chinos, tracksuits, leggings, jeggings and other fashion style trousers are not permitted
- ✿ Shorts – may be worn all year round but must be plain black tailored and knee length
- ✿ Shirt/Blouse – formal plain white long or short sleeved with top button to wear with the school tie
- ✿ Shoes - Plain black leather school shoe – no trainers/logos
- ✿ Ankle boots - Plain black leather – no boots higher than the ankle or fashion type 'UGG' boots permitted
- ✿ Socks - Plain white or black
- ✿ Belt (if worn) - Plain black
- ✿ Hijab - Black or white
- ✿ Black Kamiz
- ✿ Durag – Plain black or white



regular fit



skinny fit



skinny fit



regular fit

## PE Kit

Please ensure your child has appropriate PE uniform for outdoor PE lessons as they will be outside around 80% of the school year through all types of weather.

Children are not required to have multiple branded items for PE. In addition to their branded short sleeved PE top (which is compulsory) they can choose from the following items to wear in PE to keep them warm or cool:

- ✿ Plain black loose-fitting **shorts**.
- ✿ Plain black **tracksuit bottoms** or plain black sports **leggings**. A small logo is permitted (less than 10cm by 10cm) but they should be free from stripes or patterns please.
- ✿ Plain black **base layer** (which can be worn under their Fernwood short sleeved PE top).
- ✿ Plain black **crew necked sweatshirt** (which can be worn over their Fernwood short sleeved PE top).
- ✿ Plain **black knee length socks** or **white sports socks**.



- ❖ Children will need a pair of **sports trainers** for PE lessons. They may also be required to have a pair of **studs** for additional grip when participating on the field in the autumn/winter months. Where studs are required, children will be told with advance notice. Please do not purchase studs in advance of this, as some classes may not require them. Also, children's feet can grow throughout the year which may mean they have outgrown their studs by the time they need to wear them. **Please note:** Footwear needs to be 'fit for purpose' and provide good support, protection and traction. Canvas plimsolls are not permitted.
- ❖ Children are required to have a **gum shield** for some activities. Your child will be advised in advance of requiring this protective item.
- ❖ Children are also required to have **shin pads** for some activities like Football and Hockey. Your child will be advised in advance of requiring this protective item.

## Coats

We encourage our children to wear coats when necessary. Coats must be plain black and be free of big logos or patterns. However, we do recognise it can be challenging to find a completely logo free coat, so a small logo (no more than 10cm by 10 cm) would be considered acceptable.



## Pre-Loved Uniform

We have Pre-Loved Uniform (recycled, good quality uniform & PE kit) available. Please contact the school via email at [admin@fernwood.school](mailto:admin@fernwood.school) for further information.

## Stockist Information

### Schoolwear Solution (Morleys)

116-118 Bramcote Lane, Chilwell, Nottingham, NG9 4DR

Telephone: 0115 9258046

Website address: [www.schoolwearsolutions.com](http://www.schoolwearsolutions.com)



### **Academy School Uniforms (Just School Wear)**

Arnold Store - 12 High Street, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 7DZ

West Bridgford Store - 11 Compton Acres, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7RS

Long Eaton Store - 73 Derby Road, Long Eaton, Nottingham, NG10 1LU

Calverton Collection Point - Unit 3, Calverton Business Park, Hoyle Road, Calverton, Nottingham, NG14 6QL

Telephone: 0115 9652869

Website address: <https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/product-category/the-fernwood-school/>