The Crossley Heath School

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UNIFORM POLICY

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Uniform Appearance and Guidelines

This policy has been written in accordance with the DfE guidance available at https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform and the DfE document *School Uniform: Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities* (September 2026).
Whilst we aim to be as clear as possible, not all items may be covered in this policy due to changing trends. The judgement of what is considered smart and appropriate for school remains at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team.

1. Intent

We expect that all students will wear their uniform smartly and to abide by our uniform rules. We want all our students to feel comfortable but we also have high expectations of what we consider to be appropriate and smart appearance for Crossley Heath students. Our students are expected to achieve standards of excellence in all aspects of school life, and wearing the correct uniform smartly not only signals a readiness to work and learn, but also a desire to share the values that the school promotes. Our three compulsory branded items are: the school blazer and, for girls, the Aptus black short-sleeved training top and either the Aptus female full-zip training top or the black hooded top with the school badge; and, for boys, the Aptus black short-sleeved training top and the school reversible rugby jersey. Plus, a school tie to be purchased through parent pay

We want to have the right balance between our community identity and individual expression. Whilst we understand that not everyone will agree with every aspect, we are grateful in advance for parental and student support for this policy.

1.1 Stockist

Items of uniform should be purchased from designated stockists: Bridge Uniform Supplies, Huddersfield or Shaw Hardcastle, Halifax.

1.2 Sanctions

Sanctions will apply to students who do not meet the required standard of dress as required by our uniform policy. As outlined in our Student Support and Behaviour policy. If there is a reasonable issue that hinders your child's ability to meet this standard please contact a Pastoral Leader to discuss the matter.

2. General guidelines

2.1 Expectations

- Students are expected to arrive and leave school wearing their uniform correctly. Coats should be removed once inside the school building unless winter rules are announced, whereby they must be fully unzipped. Coats that cannot be fully unzipped must be removed on entry.
  Blazers must be worn by all students in Years 7 – 11 during school hours unless permission has been given to remove them, unless outside the building during social times. Blazers should be our official school blazer (black with a pocket badge).
- Fitted/fashion jackets are not allowed. No non-school jumpers or hooded jumpers are allowed. Jumpers should be the official school grey sweater with embroidered school badge or plain black V necked jumper/cardigan. Plain black tank tops with a V neck are allowed.
- Shirts/Shirt type blouses must be plain white and can be long or short sleeved. Students must be able to fasten the top button of their shirt. Shirts/shirt type blouses must be tucked in. If shirt cannot be tucked in, it is too short, and therefore is unsuitable for school.

- The correct house tie (available through school) must be worn, tied up to the top button. Ties must be correctly tied up to the collar and at a reasonable length.
- Trousers must be **plain black** school trousers. They should not be denim, cords or of a stretchy material. Trousers should be full length (not deliberately short) and reach the ankle joint. They should not be skinny styled as in 'treggins or 'jeggins'.

- Skirts must be either a straight black skirt with a small vent at the back for movement, or a plain black skirt with box pleats or a black A line skirt. Whichever skirt is chosen it should not be obviously short and should be knee length or as close to the knee as possible. For clarity, the height from the top of the patella (knee cap) to the bottom of the skirt should be a **maximum** of 2 inches (5 cm). We do not regard stretchy material, close, skinny or styled tight fitting skirts or trousers suitable. If a long skirt is being worn it must be of the above styles and must be ankle length only.
- Shoes should ideally be traditional school shoes that are leather or leather like with no clear branding. Shoes should be fully polishable. They should be black, grey or brown. Laces should also be black, grey or brown. Training shoes may not be worn in school. They may be worn at lunchtime when playing games. Plain black leather ankle boots (with a small heel) are permitted, again they should be polishable
- Socks that are worn over tights (black only) must be plain black ankle socks. Socks worn with skirts must be plain AND UNDECORATED white, black or grey socks WITH A MAXIMUM LENGTH OF BELOW THE KNEE.

2.2 <u>Piercings, jewellery, make-up and hair</u>

- Students are allowed to wear up to two stud or very small loop (must not be able to get their little finger through the loop) earrings per ear. No, lobes, cuffs, drop, dangles, flesh tunnels/plug, barbells and any other type of earrings will be allowed. They must be able to be removed at any time requested by a teacher for an activity in which wearing earrings are not suitable such as P.E. or science. Please plan for this if deciding to allow your child to have their ear(s) pierced as exceptions will not be made.
- Two band rings per hand is allowed.
- No other piercings are allowed for school years 7 to 10. Although we recommend no nose piercings at all, Y9, Y10 and Y11 may wear one small studded one. **It should not be obviously noticeable.**
- Facial or visible body piercings are not allowed.
- False eye lashes are not allowed.
- Necklaces should not be visible and will need to be removed in certain lessons where they may cause a safety concern.
- One wrist watch is allowed. 'Smart 'watches capable of receiving messages, must be switched off during school hours. They may be confiscated as per our mobile phone/technology policy.
- Smart glasses are not allowed
- Hair must be neat and tidy, practical and sensible at all times, with no 'extreme' styles or colours. The term 'extreme' is at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team. Students must seek clarification from their Head of Year **BEFORE** dying their hair. Long hair must be tied back in practical lessons for health and safety reasons.
- Makeup is not necessary and so is not allowed in years 7 & 8. However, **moderate** makeup is acceptable in years 9-11. The term moderate is at the discretion of the Head Teacher. The Head Teacher's judgement on what is considered moderate is final.
- Nail polish is not allowed and **nails should be a reasonable length.** False acrylic nails are NOT appropriate for school, they are a potential health & safety hazard in certain lessons.

- No headwear is allowed in school except religious headwear. The full face must be able to be seen clearly for safeguarding purposes. Please seek clarification from the pastoral office if you are unsure.
- **All items of uniform and other clothing must be clearly labelled with the student's name.**

3. Uniform for Physical Education

Crossley Heath has gender specific uniform for P.E. **It is strongly recommended that ALL STUDENTS are equipped with a gum shield for rugby and hockey & shin pads for hockey and football.**

3.1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM - GIRLS

Aptus black short sleeved training top (available through our uniform supplier)
Black training shorts (available through our uniform supplier)
Aptus female full zip training top/ Black hooded top with school badge (available through our uniform supplier)
Plain black full length football/rugby socks
White ankle socks
Football boots with studs
Trainers (not pumps) – must be non-marking soles

Optional items
Black leggings (available from uniform supplier or other retailers)
Black track pants (available from uniform supplier or other retailers)

3.2 PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM – BOYS

Aptus black short sleeved training top (available through our uniform supplier)
Black training shorts (available through our uniform supplier)
School reversible rugby jersey (available through school uniform supplier)
Black cotton rugby shorts (available through our uniform supplier)
Plain black full length football/rugby socks
White ankle socks
Rugby/football boots with studs
Trainers (not pumps) for indoor use (non-marking soles).

Optional item available through uniform supplier
Aptus ¼ zip training top

4. Sanctions

- Daily standards inspections will take place via form tutors on entry to morning tutorial/assembly. Uniform breaches may also be addressed during lesson and social times by any member of staff.
- In the first instance a same day 'Standards Detention' will be issued. Please note that for 5 'standard detentions' in the same half term, a school detention will be issued which are served after school and are an hour in length.
- **A student may be asked to change into a spare uniform kept in school that would enable the student to meet the required standard.**
- A student may be placed into isolation for persistent breaches of the school uniform policy or non-compliance with a sanction/wearing school provided uniform.
- **The Head Teacher has a legal right to send a student home to get changed so that they can meet the required standard.**
- Persistent uniform breaches may also result in a fixed term exclusion as a last resort.

4. Non –Uniform days

On occasions the school may allow students to attend school or a school event including an outside visit and evening events in 'non uniform'. However, **we expect all students to dress in a moderate fashion** when attending. Clothing should not be revealing, for example cut off shorts or t-shirts which show the midriff. Clothing should not be of a see-through nature. Shoes must be sensible for school, for example, no high heels. Clothing which has statements with foul language or are deliberately provocative in nature or that may be considered offensive should not be worn.