



# Official Policy

## School Dress Code (STUDENTS) Policy

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## SCHOOL DRESS CODE (STUDENTS) POLICY

We have a school uniform at Withernsea High School, as it plays a key role in:

- Promoting the ethos of the school
- Providing a sense of belonging and identity
- Setting an appropriate tone for education.

The policy of the Governing Body is that all students must follow the school dress code detailed below. This is monitored on a daily basis and action will be taken if students do not comply with this.

- **PLAIN black blazer bearing the school logo**  
This must be worn at all times unless the weather is particularly warm and the 'blazers may be carried' sign is displayed.
- **PLAIN black trousers**  
For the purposes of this policy, trousers are defined as formal, classic, smart trousers of waist height with side pockets (not skin-tight and not jeans/denim/cargo/chino style or leggings).
- **PLAIN white shirt with a collar**  
Polo shirts and other tops are not acceptable. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- **School tie**  
School ties can be purchased from the school office as well as the school's uniform provider. In September 2025 we will introduce a different coloured stripe to the school tie for year 7 students only. A different coloured stripe will be introduced for each new intake of Year 7 students over the following four years, until all year groups have been assigned their own stripe colour.  
Please note that the colour of your child's tie will not change every year.
- **A black Withernsea High School V neck jumper**  
A Withernsea High School V neck jumper bearing the school logo is available. This is an optional item of our school uniform. Jumpers must be worn with the school blazer, not instead of. No other black jumper is permitted.
- **PLAIN black shoes or ankle boots** with a flat heel that can be polished. Footwear must be a full shoe, not sandals, plimsolls or mules. Suede, canvas and other materials that cannot be polished are not permitted. For students wearing ankle boots, trousers must be worn over the top of their boots.
- Students are encouraged to bring a coat, to be worn outside at breaks and lunchtimes. Coats are not allowed to be worn in the school building.

## **PE and Dance Uniform**

For reasons of health and safety all students are required to bring a full change of sporting clothing for PE and dance lessons. Students should have the following:

- Navy blue PE sports top with school logo
- Navy blue shorts with school logo or plain navy-blue tracksuit trousers or plain navy-blue leggings school supplies or otherwise
- Appropriate footwear for the activity (i.e. boots for outdoor activities and clean trainers for indoor events)
- Shin pads should be worn for football and hockey
- Additional clothing available for PE, but not compulsory is navy blue drill top with school logo (long sleeved) and navy-blue fleece with school logo, school PE lessons will be outside all year round so it is strongly advised to purchase one of these items.

## **Students can wear**

- One pair of stud earrings
- A watch
- A belt, it must be plain black and functional.

## **Students cannot wear**

- Hair of an unnatural colour
- Extremes of fashion and hairstyle (please note that the decision about this is at the Headteacher or member of the Senior Leadership Groups discretion)
- False nails
- Heavy or very bright make-up, including false eyelashes and nail varnish (please note that the decision about this is at the Headteacher or member of the Senior Leadership Group's discretion)
- Facial/oral piercings eg nose studs, tongue studs and any facial rings/studs or ear-piercing retainers/plugs.
- Jewelry other than one pair of stud earrings.

## **Uniform Suppliers**

Our official supplier of blazers, trousers and PE kit is the Hull-based:

**Steady School wear east, 29 Holderness Road, Hull, HU8 7NA**

**Steady School wear central, 17 Savile Street, Hull, HU1 3EF**

- **Tel:** 01482 322982
- **Email:** [sales@steadyschoolwear.co.uk](mailto:sales@steadyschoolwear.co.uk)
- **Web:** [www.steadyschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.steadyschoolwear.co.uk)

## **Additional Information**

Uniform will be checked daily by Head of Year and form tutors. If a student does not follow the school dress code this will be recorded on Class Charts and parents will be informed. Pastoral staff will work with individual students to establish the reason for uniform issues and how these can be resolved as soon as possible. If a parent has a short-term difficulty with uniform, then these should be communicated to the school.

In the absence of a valid reason, or if a student refuses to adhere to uniform expectations, it is likely that temporary withdrawal from social times and/or mainstream classes will result until arrangements are made for the dress code to be adhered to. In cases where financial hardship has resulted in a student not complying with the school uniform policy, we will take a considerate approach to resolve the situation. We have arrangements in place for pre-owned school uniform, available to families to acquire if necessary. Persistent breaches or refusal by students to follow our school dress code will lead to additional school sanctions including suspensions, internal or external.

The Headteacher, or a person authorised by the Headteacher, may ask a student to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform. When making this decision, we will consider the student's age and vulnerability, the ease and time it will take, and the availability of the student's parents. This is not an exclusion but an authorised absence. However, if the student continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the student's absence may be counted as an unauthorised absence. In either case the student's parents must be notified, and the absence should be recorded.

If a parent has any concerns regarding uniform, they should contact their child's Head of Year.

### **School Equipment**

All students are expected to bring the following equipment for all lessons: Student handbook and a pencil case containing at least a pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, and highlighter. These should be carried in a suitable bag. A scientific calculator is recommended.

The student handbook, a mini whiteboard and plastic wallet will be provided by the school.