



Nidderdale High School

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Dear Parent / Carer

School Uniform Requirements

Please could I clarify the uniform requirements for students attending Nidderdale High School. Whilst the vast majority of our students attend school presenting themselves impeccably, a small minority of students are currently wearing uniform that is not acceptable. We recognise that current fashion and peer pressure can lead to confusing messages for parents about what is acceptable and accepted in school. Our uniform suppliers are identified below and are clear about what is acceptable at Nidderdale High School.

I will attempt to clarify our uniform requirements and add some detail to the information in the current school planner. Hopefully this guidance will allow you to ensure your child is dressed correctly if you choose to purchase items of uniform from other clothing outlets:

- a. Trousers. Black trousers should be boot cut or tailored and must have a waistband and a traditional zip. Slim, skinny fit or tapered trousers are not allowed. Invisible/concealed zips are also not acceptable.
- b. Skirts. Skirts should be tailored and knee length. Unfortunately, some of our students are wearing very short elasticated skirts which it specifically states students should not wear in the school planner. As previously notified, from September 2017 we will be introducing two school skirts, both with a distinctive 'N' logo, which will only be available from our uniform suppliers. Although we will not be enforcing the requirement for the new skirt until September, we will require students wearing elasticated tight skirts to change them for Monday 27th February when they return after February half-term. As the new school skirts are already available, we thought it sensible to inform you so you can buy the correct skirt if your child will need one during the next few months prior to September.
- c. Shoes. Students must wear plain black shoes that have no logos or white decorative element. Boots are not allowed and footwear must be tailored to fit under the anklebone. Cloth pumps or trainers are not allowed and heels should be no higher than 5cm. When purchasing shoes, please use our guidance and not the guidance of the shop. All schools have different uniform requirements and, ultimately the shops just want to sell you the shoes!

As there seems to be some confusion about the detail of some items of clothing we are proposing that students wearing cuts and styles outside the acceptable boundaries should be allowed until Monday 27th February to adjust these. To assist you we will endeavour to highlight any uniform inconsistencies to your child during the next month so they can be clear if they are wearing anything unacceptable. Please feel free to make contact with us if you would like us to check a current item of clothing that your child is wearing.

Nidderdale High School – Uniform Suppliers:

Rawcliffes Schoolwear Centre
63 East Parade
Harrogate
HG1 5BG

Smart Start
3 High Skellgate
Ripon
HG41BA

Tel: 01423 504130

Tel: 01765 607183

Mon – Sat 9.00 – 17.00

Mon – Fri 10.00 – 16.30, Sat 10.00 – 16.00

Both shops shut Sundays.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Rowbottom
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