

Durston House

Uniform Policy

Aims of the Policy

- to set out the school's vision for its school uniform
- to set out the expectations of the use of the Durston House school uniform

Objectives of the Policy

- to clarify for pupils and parents the expectations of dress and appearance
- to establish the responsibilities of pupils and parents for having the correct uniform and equipment
- to ensure that all boys abide by the uniform policy

Introduction

Durston House operates a strict uniform policy. The school believes that its uniform is important in promoting and maintaining its identity as a successful, independent school, recognised and acknowledged by its stakeholders and the wider West London community. As such, a smart, correctly worn uniform is essential. It sets the tone for everything else that we do. If pupils are well presented and tidy it is likely that their minds and work are the same. If they are messy and unkempt, the converse is true. The school uniform is a symbol that links the pupils to Durston House and all that we stand for. Boys are always on show, whether outside school, in public domain, or in school itself, where visitors frequently tour.

Durston House insists that all pupils have the full, school uniform, kept in good condition, at all times, and that it is worn correctly, whether in or outside the classroom, or on the Games field. Parents are expected to adhere to the prescribed uniform list, when purchasing, and to support the school in making sure their sons dress appropriately. Boys found to be wearing or using non-regulation items of uniform or kit (including sports bags) will be asked to acquire the correct items. Failure to do so, within a reasonable time, will result in the school contacting parents, requiring immediate action to rectify identified uniform discrepancies, before further action is taken.

School Uniform (see Uniform List)

Boys wear **full school uniform**, including their particular House tie throughout the year. Uniform should be clean and labelled with the boy's name. Polished, black, leather, lace-up shoes, or velcro fastening shoes are worn. Shirts are worn tucked in, ties done up correctly and top buttons fastened. Boys arrive in uniform and return home in uniform on non-Games days, unless they have PE. Full school uniform is worn on Outings, unless the activities engaged in require sports or homes clothes.

All pupils are expected to have the correct uniform for **PE and Games** lessons.

Continued failure to have the correct **school and PE/Games uniform** will result in a Work Card.

Presentation

All boys should present themselves smartly, wearing the school uniform with pride. Clothing and shoes should be clean and in good condition. Hair should be clean, brushed and of appropriate length and style. Hair hanging over the collar or in the eyes is not appropriate. Dyed hair and the use of styling product are not appropriate. Piercings and jewellery are unacceptable, except for discreet wrist bands worn for religious reasons.

Uniform Purchase

The school's nominated uniform supplier is *Stevensons*. Purchases can be made online or, in person, at their store. The contact details are:

Stevensons
Uniform House
7 Acrewood Way
St. Albans
Hertfordshire, AL4 0JY

General Enquiries 01727 815700
www.stevensons.co.uk

Stevensons High Street Store
1-15 Heath Road
Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 4DB

020 8992 2201
twickenhambranch@stevensons.co.uk

The full uniform list is available on the school website www.durstonhouse.org or, by request, from the School Office. The uniform list specifies which items, **compulsory** or **optional**, are only available from *Stevensons*, and which may be purchased elsewhere. The school will not permit non-regulation items of uniform or kit that display prominent brand-name logos.

Back Packs and Sports Bags

For **school bags**, all boys must use regulation **Back Packs**, which are available from the uniform supplier. These come in three sizes, one each for Pre-Prep (Yrs Rec-2), Junior School (Yrs 3-4) and Middle and Upper School (Yrs 5-8).

For **sports bags**, all boys in Junior, Middle and Upper Schools must use the regulation bags, available from the uniform supplier.

In the Summer Term, boys in Years 6-8 may use their own **cricket bags**. If boys wish to use a cricket bag, it must be the **approved cricket bag** from cricket specialists, **VK Sports**, 31 Bond Street, Ealing, W5 5AS (telephone: 020 8579 3389).

Second-Hand Uniform

The **DHPA** (Durston House Parents' Association) operates a Used Uniform service. Sales are held at the beginning of each term. Parents who have uniform to donate contact the DHPA directly, the details of which are on the school website.

Evaluation of this Policy

This policy will be evaluated triennially by the school, amended where necessary and approved by SMT.

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