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 pupils 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 and girls 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 (other than specified non-school uniform days), 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 children dress appropriately. Pupils 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)

Pupils, including the Pre-School children, wear **full school uniform** as per the Uniform List. Pupils from Reception to Year 8 opting to wear the trouser uniform also wear their House tie throughout the year. Uniform should be clean and labelled with the pupil's name.

Polished, black, leather, lace-up (Year 3-8) or Velcro (Pre-Prep) fastening shoes are worn. Pre-School children wear black shoes or trainers with Velcro fastenings. Patent leather or embellishments are not allowed. It is expected that when pupils reach Year 3, they are able to tie their own shoe laces. If they are unable to tie their own laces, their footwear (school shoes and football boots) must be Velcro. On days when pupils do not have PE or Games, they must wear their full school uniform. Pupils wear Games Kit on days when they have PE or Games. Full school uniform is worn on Outings, unless the activities engaged in require sports or non-uniform clothes.

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

Presentation

All pupils should present themselves smartly, wearing the school uniform with pride. Clothing and shoes should be clean and in good condition. Hair should be clean and brushed. Hairstyles should be smart and moderate in style. Long hair should be tied up. Large, excessive accessories should not be worn.. Dyed hair and the use of styling products are not appropriate. Apart from small stud earrings and wrist watches (digital or analogue – no apple or smart watches) no other jewellery may be worn in school (except for religious reasons). If stud earrings are worn they will need to be removed or covered for some PE and Games lessons.

If a pupil goes home in another pupil's clothing by accident, for example, their jumper, parents/carers should send the clothing not belonging to them back into school to their pupil's form teacher. Any lost clothing is taken to the lost property box.

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 pupils 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). The Pre-School children carry a **Book Bag** and have a **Drawstring Bag** for their spare clothing.

For **sports bags**, all pupils in Junior, Middle and Upper Schools must use the regulation bags, available from the uniform supplier. An optional drawstring bag is available to be used as a boot bag.

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

All pupils should bring a water bottle into school every day: this can be refilled whenever necessary during the day. Water bottles must be labelled with the pupil's name.

Second-Hand Uniform

The **DHPA** (Durston House Parents' Association) operates an Online Used Uniform store, https://dhpapreloved.com/. Parents who have uniform to donate drop-off their donations in 'Collection bins' placed at each of the school buildings on the designated days.

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

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