



BIRKENHEAD HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY

Background

At Birkenhead High School Academy we set high expectations for all our students. We expect them to come to school wearing the correct uniform and looking smart and tidy at all times.

Principles

We feel it is important that all the girls should be properly dressed enabling a sense of pride and self-esteem as well as being a credit to Birkenhead High School Academy.

- Correct school uniform is to be worn throughout the day and on the journey to and from school.
- No make-up or nail varnish may be worn with school uniform.
- Hair dye of any colour is not acceptable in school and hair should be tied back in a neat ponytail or down straight in Senior School and tied back neatly in Junior School.
- No jewellery is permitted. In Senior School, a watch and one pair of small, plain ear studs are permitted in the bottom lobe of the ears. **We do not accept any other studs higher up in the lobes of the ears or body piercings.**
- **In Junior School, a watch is permitted, but no other jewellery. No earrings are permitted in Junior School.**

Practice

The School Outfitters are:

**Wirral Uniform Centre,
Trinity with Palm Grove Church
Alton Road, Prenton
Open Tuesday & Thursday 2pm - 4.30pm and
Saturday 2pm – 4pm**

However good quality, second-hand clothing can be purchased at the Uniform Sale organised by **The Parents' Association**.

Parents are notified by Firefly of the date of a Uniform Sale.

Junior School

Winter Uniform

Hair accessories should be black or white and unobtrusive.

Nursery

School black waterproof coat (no hat)

Black tracksuit trousers

Polo Shirts – white with logo

Light blue sweat cardigan or sweat top with logo

Grey fleece with logo

Black socks

Black school shoes with Velcro fastening

1 Pair black pumps (slip-on, no laces)

1 book bag (up to Year 2)



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Reception

School black waterproof coat
School blazer - to be used on warmer days. Not to be worn as well as the winter coat.
Black felt hat with brim plus school hatband
School scarf (optional)
School black flared tunic as supplied by the school shop
School white polo shirt with logo
Black shoes **with Velcro**
³/₄ black socks or black tights
Medium grey, plain v-neck pullover or cardigan, classic style with embroidered badge
Light blue polo shirt (summer term)
Black shorts
Red waterproof (optional)
1 pair black pumps (slip-on)
1 black shoe bag
1 book bag (up to Year 2)

Year 1-6

School black waterproof school coat
School blazer
Black felt hat with brim, plus school hatband
School scarf
School black, flared tunic as supplied by the school shop
White long sleeved blouse worn with school tie
Purse belt (optional)
Flat, black, soft-soled shoes, laced or bar only (no casual styles) – no flashing lights or tags
Black three quarter socks or black tights
Medium grey, plain v-neck pullover or cardigan, classic style with embroidered badge
Large size shoe bag for PE equipment, with all items of PE kit named on the OUTSIDE for ease of identification.
1 book bag (up to Year 2)
1 black school bag with school logo (Y3 – Y6)

No Jewellery or earrings of any kind are to be worn in school
No nail polish or temporary tattoos to be worn in school

Junior School

Summer Uniform

Hair accessories should be pink or white and unobtrusive.

Nursery to Year 6

Pink striped summer dress
Grey cardigan or jumper with logo
White ankle socks (without frills) or white plain three quarter socks
Flat, black, soft-soled shoes, laced or bar only (no casual styles) (**Nursery & Reception, Velcro fastening**)



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School blazer (Reception to Year 6)

Straw boater with hatband (**optional**)

***Red sunhats & waterproof available as options**

PE Uniform

Years 1 & 2

Blue sweat top – round neck
Blue Aertex type PE shirt
Black shorts
Black pumps Velcro fastening or slip on
Black jogging bottoms

Juniors

Blue sweat top – with or without hood
Blue Aertex
Black jogging bottoms
Black shorts
School hockey socks (as seniors)
Pair of white short socks
Trainers - to be left in school at all times
Shin pads
Gum guard – Opro or Shock Doctor makes only or from your dentist
Swimming hat with school name on side
Any one piece **plain black** swimming costume
Optional black woolly hat with school badge

Years 5 & 6

'Skort' (combined skirt and shorts)

UNIFORM LIST YEAR 7 TO YEAR 11

Blazer *	Black girls' blazer as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre
Jacket (optional) *	Black reversible jacket fleece lined with the logo on one side only, as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre. No other jacket is acceptable.
Coat	Plain black coat (no other colour is acceptable)
Scarf	(Optional) black & white official school scarf available from Wirral Uniform Centre or plain black. No other scarf may be worn.
Hijab	If a hijab is worn, it must be plain black.
Hair accessories	Hair fastenings should be black or white only. Hairbands should be narrow and plain black or white. Narrow black or white ribbons are also acceptable. Long hair must be tied back where safety requires.
Skirt	Black 'A' line, single pleat, official school skirt from Wirral Uniform Centre. Only the official style may be worn.
Trousers (optional)	Black straight leg official school trousers as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre. Only the official style may be worn.
Blouse	White official rever collar school blouse from Wirral Uniform Centre.
Jumper *	Black official school V-neck jumper from Wirral Uniform Centre.
Shoes	<u>Plain</u> , flat, black school shoes. Black pumps (eg. Converse) are not permitted.



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Boots	Black boots may be worn to school in very cold weather. (No UGG boots or similar) These may <u>not</u> be worn indoors, but should be changed for shoes.
Socks or Tights	Opaque black tights or short length black socks.
Bag	Plain black school bag. Optional black book bag may be purchased from Wirral Uniform Centre.

GAMES AND P.E. KIT

ALL KIT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE WIRRAL UNIFORM CENTRE

COMPULSORY:

PE skort	Black skort, with sky blue inserts.
Sports top*	Black with sky blue inserts.
Hoodie*	Black hoody with sky blue inserts
Tracksuit bottoms	Black with sky blue piping or plain black (optional)
Leggings*	Black with BHSA logo (only to be worn for gymnastics, dance and athletics activities)
Hockey socks	Black, three quarter length with sky blue turnover.
Games socks	White, ankle length.
Training shoes	White with cushioned soles (not leisure shoes such as Converse)
Astro-turf shoes	Essential – any sports outfitters.
Gum shield	Mouthguards are advisable (and compulsory for matches)
Swimming costume	One piece, any colour.
Swimming towel	
Black sports bag	Suitable for sports kit/swimming kit. Must be able to fit in school locker.
Shinpads	With ankle protectors

*** Items marked with an asterisk require a school logo.**

All items, with the exception of socks, should be clearly labelled with the students name.

Sixth Form Dress code

A plain black, grey or navy blue suit consisting of:

- **Blazer**
- **Top** - this can be any colour/pattern/ style, providing it is not low cut, made of sheer fabric or carrying an offensive slogan/image
- **Trousers** - these must be plain office-style trousers (*no leggings*)
- **Skirt** - this must be at least knee length (*no body-con skirts or mini-skirts*)
- **Dress** - a plain office-style shift dress or pinafore in black, grey or navy blue
- **Shoes** - must be plain black and flat or low heeled office-style e.g. court shoes, loafers, ballet pump style (*not Converse or DMs*); sensible school-appropriate black boots are permitted during winter weather
- **Tights** - These should be worn when wearing a skirt or dress; they must be plain black or nude (*cannot be patterned*)



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- **Hair/Make-up** - Students should look presentable and school-appropriate at all times; make-up should be minimal/natural and hair colour should not be overly vibrant
- **Jewellery** - should be minimal; earrings should be stud-style only and only one pair is permitted in the lower lobe. Please remember school cannot be held liable for the loss of any valuable items
- **Facial piercings** - invisible retainers should be worn if the piercing is recent; after healing facial jewellery should not be worn at all – students should avoid piercings during term time
- **Tattoos** - must be kept covered up.
- **Coats and outdoor jackets** - these must be office-style and in plain black, grey or navy blue

Roles and responsibilities

- **Vice Principal & Head of Junior School** - to monitor and review the uniform and Uniform Policy annually, ensuring that the uniform is of a good quality whilst remaining affordable
- **Class Teachers, Form Tutors and Progress Leaders** – to monitor uniform on a daily basis
- **All staff** – to be proactive and challenge students not following the uniform rules

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