



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

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The Governors, Senior Leadership Team and staff of Crestwood Community School believe that smart schoolwear forms an essential part of the school ethos. All students attending Crestwood Community School are required to wear the correct uniform at all times. The school reserves the right in all matters concerning uniform to decide what is and what is not acceptable. If parents or students require further clarification on any of the regulations listed in our uniform policy please contact the Head of Year in the first instance.

In September 2022, the Department for Education brought out new guidance on the 'Cost of School Uniforms' which 'strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can play a key role in promoting the ethos of a school, providing a sense of belonging and identity and setting an appropriate tone for education'.

The guidance requires schools to 'ensure that their uniform is affordable'. The School Association has calculated that the average figure for compulsory school items across 400 English secondary schools was £93.00 in 2021, with an average cost of £53 for compulsory uniform items and £42 for compulsory sportswear items per year. At Crestwood Community School, the only compulsory items are the blazer, tie and PE top, which costs around £50.00, dependent on size required. Although there are other logoed items available, we do not insist that parents purchase these. See below for further information. If a parent decided to buy all the logoed items for their child, this would cost around £115.00, again dependent on size.

For the past five years, we have helped Year 7 parents/carers by providing them with a uniform voucher that they can take to Skoolkit in Eastleigh, where they will be provided with a uniform pack worth around £70. This provides them with a blazer, tie, pair of trousers/skirt and PE top. This voucher is subject to change annually, however, we will continue to offer this as long as the school budget allows.

Uniform grants have been withdrawn from Hampshire County Council. Parents/carers finding themselves in financial hardship should contact karen.davies@crestwood.hants.sch.uk. There is set criteria that applies, but we also make allowances for the commencement of multiple children, e.g. twins.

Second hand uniform is also available from the school. To enquire about this, please call the school on 023 8064 1232.

Compulsory Uniform:

- Black blazer with Crestwood logo and a white collared shirt.
- Grey tailored trousers or grey knee-length skirt
- School tie.
- Dark socks, below the knee or black/natural coloured tights
- Black, low heeled leather shoes or solid black leather style trainers (examples of what is and is not acceptable are shown later on in the policy)
- Outdoor coats are to be worn to and from school and outside. If students are travelling to and from school by foot or bike/scooter, please consider reflective armbands or other bright adornments for your child so they can be clearly seen in poor light or bad weather.

Optional:

- Red jumper or cardigan - can be branded or unbranded, as long as colour matches
- Grey branded jumper or cardigan for year 11 - can be branded or unbranded, as long as colour matches

PE kit - Compulsory for all students:

Black/red logoed PE top

Black shorts

White ankle socks

Trainers (different to school shoes) - No plimsolls are to be worn and trainers should be done up correctly

No football strips, coloured shirts or socks are acceptable. All PE items should be clearly labelled with the student's name.

PE kit - Optional for all students:

Black tracksuit bottoms and top

Black and red PE sweatshirt with Crestwood logo - if worn, this must be purchased from SkoolKit, Eastleigh.

Skoolkit offer a service where PE tops/sweatshirts can have the student's initials embroidered on the front and GCSE/BTEC Physical Education can be embroidered on the back for those students taking the subject at these levels in years 10 and 11. Skoolkit can advise on this service.

Availability

All items of uniform bearing the Crestwood logo must be purchased from SkoolKit, Eastleigh. All optional, non-logo items can be purchased from any major high street stockists as long as the items comply with the above stated uniform regulations.

Not allowed:

- Any type of canvas/fabric footwear are not suitable under the grounds of health and safety
- No leggings, jeggings, jeans, denim, chino fabric items or tight fitting fashion trousers/tight fitting stretch skirts

Jewellery

- The only items of jewellery which are permitted are a watch and a single stud in each ear. No other piercings are permitted.
- No decorative bracelets or necklaces.
- Retainers, spikes and expanders are not permitted, facial and other piercings cannot be covered, they must be removed. Therefore do not allow these to be done in term times or holiday times where there is not enough time to allow for healing.

Hair and Make-Up:

- No extreme haircuts (no shorter than a grade 2).
- Hair colours must only be natural hair colours (single or highlighted colours only, no split half head colours). Grey is not a natural hair colour. Bright dyed hair will not be accepted.
- Nail varnish or false/acrylic nails are not permitted.
- Light, natural daytime makeup is permitted in Years 10 and 11.

The wearing of clothes or items which do not comply with the regulations above is not permitted at Crestwood Community School and may result in sanctions being taken as deemed necessary by the staff and governors.

Where, for religious reasons, a child wishes to wear a head covering to school this should be plain, black, navy or grey.

Attachments:

Examples of suitable shoes/Examples of suitable trousers/skirts

Shoe styles – acceptable



Shoe styles NOT acceptable



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