CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

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Review cycle: Yearly

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'.

Following the introduction of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, the DfE has updated its guidance, with effect from September 2026, to place a firm, numeric limit on compulsory school-branded items. This includes items with specific logos, embroidery or unique colour trims that cannot be bought on the high street. The limit for senior schools is four compulsory branded items across both regular uniform and PE kit, one of which should be a tie. At Crestwood we have taken this into consideration when moving to our new uniform and the compulsory items are red/black logoed day top, grey v-neck logoed sweatshirt and red/black logoed PE top. We do have options to purchase black/red PE shorts and a logoed PE sweatshirt from Skoolkit, but these are not compulsory items.

The Schoolwear Association's most recent survey (conducted between December 2023 and March 2024) found that the average cost for compulsory secondary school uniform and sportswear items in England was **£92.35**. The Associations points out that since the DfE first introduced its statutory cost guidance in 2021, the cost of compulsory secondary uniform items has fallen by around 25% in real terms.

At Crestwood Community School, the only compulsory items are the day top (red or black, depending on year group), the grey sweatshirt and the PE top which costs around £50.00 (prices correct at 1 July 2026), depending on size required. Although there are other logoed items available, we do not insist that parents purchase these. See below for further information.

For the past seven 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 £65. This provides them with two red logoed day tops, a grey logoed sweatshirt and a logoed 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 a set criteria that applies, but we also make allowances for the commencement of multiple children, e.g. twins.

We also have a large supply of good quality second hand uniform items. To enquire about this, please call the school on 023 8064 1232.

Compulsory Uniform:

- Grey v-necked school sweatshirt with logo
- Logoed polo shirt - red for KS3; black for KS4
- Dark grey tailored trousers, dark grey knee-length skirt, or dark grey shorts/skort
- Plain black socks or black/natural coloured tights.
- Plain 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); shoes must be entirely black with no visible logos or accent colours.
- Black or dark coat, 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.

PE kit - Compulsory for all students:
Black/red logoed PE top
Black/red PE shorts from Skoolkit (strongly recommended) or solid black shorts in the same style (see photos below)
White sports socks
Suitable trainers for physical education. If your child wears black leather trainers as their daily school shoes, they must have a separate pair of trainers dedicated to PE.

Please note that students can wear the old school uniform if they prefer up to September 2027, when the new uniform will become compulsory for all.

PE kit - Optional for all students:
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.

NOTE -
Where, for religious reasons only, a child wishes to wear tracksuit bottoms for PE, they should be plain black with no logos.

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.

Special note:

- 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
- No hoodies, sweatshirts, or other non-school jumpers
- For PE, no tracksuit bottoms/tops, leggings, bootie shorts, cycle shorts etc. Please see more details below

Jewellery

- The only items of jewellery which are permitted are a watch and a single stud in each ear.
- A single flat clear retainer can be worn in the nose.
- No decorative rings, bracelets or necklaces.
- 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.

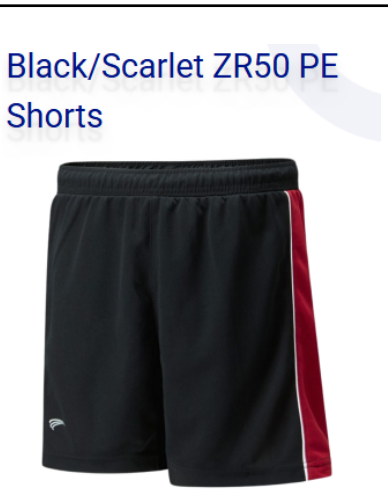
Hair and Make-Up:

- No extreme haircuts (no shorter than a grade 2).
- Hair colours must only be **natural** hair colours, shades of red, purple, blue, green and burgundy are not natural colours. (single or highlighted colours only, no split half head colours).
- Nail varnish or false/acrylic nails are **not** permitted.
- Light, natural daytime makeup is permitted.

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.

PE Shorts - Acceptable Style

	
Skoolkit Black/Red PE shorts - strongly recommended	**Alternative style, available from Skoolkit or other school uniform retailers**

Shoe styles – acceptable

Shoe styles NOT acceptable

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(or when uniform changes occur)