

## **ABOUT OUR UNIFORM**

Fashion statements are a distraction at best, and can prove to be a hindrance or safety hazard in the work place and in school. For some, fashion issues create rivalry and even bullying behaviours. Pupils that wear very short skirts, tight trousers/jeans and canvas shoes, for example, do undermine the high standards we are constantly working towards.

Parents and pupils sign an agreement in Year 7 that sets out their commitment to follow the uniform code. We thank the majority of parents and pupils who do support the school and accept the uniform code. We ask that all parents show their support by insisting that their children wear the correct uniform to school.

In order to reduce the range of uniform variation we see in school and to support parents when faced with buying uniform, we have teamed up with Skoolkit in Havant. As you may be aware, Skoolkit is already the sole stockist of our tie, jumper and PE kit. They have added our preferred style of black skirts and trousers to their provision.

If it is impossible for you to buy these items of uniform from Skoolkit, then we require you to buy only identical styles and fabrics to the ones we have selected and displayed on the school and Skoolkit websites.

We expect pupils to wear proper black school shoes: trainers, canvas shoes and boots are not acceptable.

We follow up on all unacceptable uniform and will contact parents immediately if a pupil refuses to comply with the rules. Please support us by ensuring that your child has only the correct uniform and by taking action if we contact you regarding a uniform concern. Sanctions will be used for persistent refusal to wear the school uniform; this may include being sent home to change.

Do remember, also, that false nails, artificial hair colour and piercings will need to be modified for school.

We may be able to give financial support for some uniform items for pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium.