



26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### School Uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to express the pleasure we have had in welcoming your children back into school over the last 9 days. The pupils have returned with a really positive attitude and we are delighted with the way they have engaged with their learning. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on us all and we appreciate that many of you will have faced a number of challenges over the last few months. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of a number of key messages around the school's uniform policy as we move towards a full return of pupils after Easter.

Milford Haven School is an inclusive environment that believes in having high expectations for uniform and appearance. School uniform is one way in which we can display the school's identity and values to the community. All pupils are therefore expected to wear the correct uniform at all times. As a school we believe that uniform is important, as looking smart contributes to a positive ethos. Some of the expectations identified in this letter are specifically related to issues of health and safety.

We have high expectations of all our pupils which includes personal appearance. School uniform puts everyone on an equal footing. It needs to be low cost, comfortable, easy to wash, suitable for work, conform to health and safety rules and to create a sense of belonging to the school community.

School uniform plays an important role in establishing the ethos of a school and at Milford Haven School we believe that the uniform policy benefits the school and pupils in a number of ways:

- encourages identity with the school and nurtures the notion of community;
- protects pupils from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- supports discipline and positive behaviour;
- instills a sense of pride in the school.

It is not acceptable for pupils to turn up to school in items which are not in line with the School's Uniform Policy. This causes an unnecessary demand on staff time. When pupils fully cooperate with our dress code, our staff can ensure that their time and effort is appropriately spent on creating an effective teaching and

learning environment. The support of parents and families is crucial in this and we are grateful for your continued support to enable us to ensure every pupil achieves beyond his/her potential.

All pupils will be expected to wear our full school uniform. If learners have a practical PE lesson then we are happy for them to wear their PE kit on these days. Please be aware that if a pupil arrives in school in their PE kit on a day that they do not have a practical lesson then you will be contacted and they will be expected to change into full school uniform before attending their lessons. A polite reminder that **hoodies, tracksuit bottoms and trainers are not to be worn in school** and that uniform jumpers must be worn as stated in our school prospectus and on our website. If a pupil persistently wears a hoodie or a non school jumper then this will be removed from them. A pupil arriving in school in trainers or tracksuit bottoms will be sent to R2L and contact will be made with home to replace the item before they return to their lessons. Repeated refusal to remove any inappropriate items will lead to a further consequence being issued. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that school coats must be waterproof.

To assist you in ensuring your child has the correct uniform our provider at Granby's has all school uniform items except footwear. Uniform can be purchased directly from Granby's, 52-54 Charles St, Milford Haven, SA73 2AE.

Could you please ensure that your child returns to school after the Easter holidays wearing the correct uniform. **If you are unable to obtain certain items or are struggling to purchase new uniform please contact your son/ daughters tutor or Head of House to discuss the best way that we can support you.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support as we move towards the start of the summer term. School uniform is essential in ensuring that pupils take pride in their appearance and allows the school to be represented smartly within the community. Regular checks of uniform are conducted by staff and further contact will be made home where necessary.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Rob Berry**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



**Trousers** - No flares, leggings, three quarter length trousers, denim jeans, corduroys, cotton twills, tracksuits, lycra, or stretch trousers can be worn.

**Skirts** - Must be reasonable length, no slits.

**Shoes** - **must be all black**, flat or sensible, broad heel - (high heels, and platform soles and sandals are unsafe in school).

**Outdoor garments** - No denim or leather jackets, or coats bearing slogans. No caps or hats. No non uniform cardigans, jumpers or hooded tops.

**Jewellery** - Watch, one signet ring, one pair stud earrings only worn on the ear lobe. No earrings, studs on any other part of the ear, nose studs, eyebrow rings, tongue studs, lip rings, necklaces, bracelets, bangles, rings. No facial or body piercing of any kind. No tattoos.

**Hair** - All long hair to be tied back in areas where health & safety is a priority e.g Physical Education. No stripes, braids or additions of any kind. No shaven heads, no tramlines, no words, pictures or logos cut into hair styles. Natural hair colourings only - no colours such as pink, red, purple or 'badger' colouring.