



# Hanham Woods Academy

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<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Audience</b>	Students, Parents, Councillors, Principal, Teachers, Support Staff, Local Authority
<b>Ownership / Implementation</b>	The Principal and the Academy Council have overall responsibility for ensuring that this policy is implemented.
<b>Implementation Date</b>	
<b>Review period</b>	Annually
<b>Last Reviewed</b>	June 2025

**History of most recent policy changes**

Date	Page	Change	Origin of Change e.g. TU request, Change in legislation
November 2020		No Changes	
March 2022	4	Sanctions for incorrect uniform	Policy review for efficacy
March 2022	4	Language	DfE alteration of language surrounding sanctions from exclusion to suspension
May 2023	4	Checking of uniform - staffing	Policy review
May 2023	4-5	Uniform Expectations: Graphics, Halo code and jewellery	Policy review
May 2023	6	Sanctions for non-compliance	Policy review
May 2023	6-7	Equipment	Policy review
June 2024			Policy review
June 2025	4	Uniform to include term 6 and into next academic year the inclusion of trainers into the policy.	Policy review

## 1. **INTRODUCTION**

All students at Hanham Woods Academy follow a Dress Code which represents our shared commitment to excellence in everything that we do. Our policy is based on DfE guidelines and also the belief that a school uniform:

### **Creates a sense of pride and belonging**

The uniform and sports kits proudly display our school logo, building a feeling of belonging. It reflects the sense both of the community and of diversity that the school takes pride in.

### **Promotes equity and gives value for money**

Uniform promotes equality as it eliminates the stress placed on students and families to purchase and wear expensive, fashionable items and is a relatively inexpensive way of dressing young people for school. It also reduces opportunities for bullying to occur.

### **Professional and Practical**

Following a dress code helps instil a sense of purpose; uniform is practical, identifies students and shows that students are ready to learn.

## 2. **LINKED POLICIES**

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Behaviour Policy
- Suspensions Policy

## 3. **DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION GUIDANCE:**

- The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone.
- Each school decides its uniform and must not discriminate based on sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief.
- The headteacher can discipline your child for not wearing the school uniform. Your child can be suspended or expelled if they repeatedly ignore the uniform rules.
- Schools can decide if girls can wear trousers, or if religious dress is allowed. If you think your child is being discriminated against, talk to the head teacher/principal.
- A headteacher (or Principal), or a person authorised by the head teacher, (or Principal) may ask a pupil to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This is not an exclusion but an authorised absence. However, if the pupil continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the pupil's absence may be counted as an unauthorised absence. In either case the pupil's parents must be notified and the absence should be recorded.

## 4. **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

Our policy on Academy uniform is based on the notion that Academy uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the Academy;
- promotes a sense of community and belonging towards the Academy;
- is practical and smart;

- identifies the children with the Academy;
- prevents children from coming to the Academy in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for the Academy and good value for money by most parents/carers;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

**5. UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

Uniform expectations are reviewed annually.

General Uniform Expectations:

## HWA Dress Code

White, long/short sleeved, button-down shirt or blouse. Top button done up.  
**No polo shirts.**

A waterproof outercoat may be worn to the Academy, this should be **block colour** and without large branding or logo.  
**No non-waterproof, zip-up tops or hoodies/sweatshirts are to be worn.**

Black, tailored, loose-fitting trousers.  
**No jeans, denim, stretchy fabric, back pockets, chinos or leggings.**

Black, tailored, loose-fitting shorts may be worn by any student all year round.  
**No denim, chinos or cargo or sports shorts.**

Black, grey or white, calf-high socks or black tights.  
**No colourful or fluffy socks.**

Black leather/ leather-look shoes or plain black trainers

**All students at Hanham Woods Academy follow a Dress Code which represents our shared commitment to excellence in everything that we do.**

**No extremes of make up or hair colour/style.**  
**No false eyelashes.**  
**No false/acrylic nails or nail varnish.**

Single pair of ear studs in the ear lobe/nose stud may be worn but must be removed for PE.  
**No hooped ear/nose-rings, septum bars or additional facial piercings. No other jewellery should be worn.**

Hanham Woods embroidered, V-neck jumper that matches the House colour of the student; this must be brought to school every day.  
**No hoodies or sweatshirts to be worn on top of Academy uniform.**

Black, double pleated skirt (trouser material) that stays at the knee when worn.  
**The only permitted skirt is the double pleated skirt from Monkhouse. No other skirts are allowed.**

Hanham Woods, House tie that matches the House colour of the student.

## Dressed for Success

**Hanham Woods Academy**

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**Compulsory kit for boys**

- HWA branded polo shirt
- HWA branded rugby shirt
- Plain, black sports shorts
- Plain, black tracksuit bottoms
- Black football socks or white tube socks
- Football boots
- Non-marking trainers
- Shin pads are required for football, rugby and hockey

**Optional kit of boys**

- HWA unisex branded fleece
- Gum shields are recommended for rugby, football and hockey

**Compulsory kit for girls**

- HWA branded polo shirt
- Plain, black tracksuit bottoms, shorts, skorts or sports leggings
- Non-marking trainers
- Shin pads are required for football, rugby and hockey

**Optional kit for girls**

- HWA unisex branded fleece
- HWA branded rugby shirt
- Football boots

**Prohibited items**

- Hoodies
- Vest tops
- Large branding on clothing
- Short, lycra shorts
- Daps
- Converse Allstars

**The Halo Code**

Our school champions the right of staff and students to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black staff and students' racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves, durags, bonnets and wraps. Headwear should must be black or navy blue.

At this school, we recognise and celebrate our staff and students' identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed.

**5.2 Jewellery and False Nails**

Students may choose to wear a single pair of stud earrings or a single nose stud. No other jewellery is permitted to be worn in the academy. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons without exception. Jewellery not permitted to be worn will be confiscated and parents will be contacted to collect from reception.

## 6 **STUDENT NON-COMPLIANCE**

Uniform is checked daily by the tutor and pastoral team. If a child is found to be wearing incorrect uniform we will contact parents and carers to work together to resolve the issue. Resolutions may be found through the loaning of uniform, removal of non-complaint items or by calling parents/carers to rectify the matter at hand.

We believe that wearing the correct school uniform helps promote a sense of belonging and pride in our school community. While we expect all students to attend school in full uniform, we understand that there may be occasions when this is not possible.

In such cases, we will work closely with parents and carers to identify appropriate and practical solutions. Our aim is to support families in overcoming any barriers to meeting uniform expectations.

We ask that parents, carers, and students engage positively with us when solutions are offered, so we can work together to maintain high standards while being understanding of individual circumstances.

In doing so we can work in partnership to avoid scenarios where sanctions may be necessary next steps.

## 7 **EQUIPMENT**

Students are expected to bring a bag to school that is big enough to contain an A4 folder, their books and equipment and it is a basic expectation that they should have their PE kit with them on days they have PE. A second bag is recommended for PE kit.

We expect every student to bring the following to school every day:

- A clear plastic pencil case
- 2 Black/blue pens writing pens
- 1 green writing pen
- 2 pencils
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Calculator (Year 7)



Please note that pencil sharpeners and scissors should not be brought into the academy but will be provided when needed.

Other equipment students will find useful:

- Colouring pencils
- Highlighters
- Protractor
- Compass

We strongly recommend students also have a scientific calculator, model number Casio FX-991EX "Classwiz" as it offers the best functionality and performance.

Students are able to purchase stationery from our Stationery Shop in the Payment Office during breaktime or before the start of the academy day.

**8 THE ROLE OF PARENTS/CARERS**

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our Academy to support the Academy Uniform Policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to the Academy correctly dressed and ready for their daily Academy work. One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

**9 FEEDBACK**

If any parent/carer would like the Academy to modify the uniform policy, they should address communication via email to the Principal. The Academy welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.