



UNIFORM POLICY and GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

At Harrow Way we are very proud of our school uniform, which is an essential part of our school's ethos. We believe that a smart uniform improves our students' self-esteem and confidence and contributes to good behaviour, as well as helping them to feel part of their school community.

"Look smart, think smart."

As our uniform is compulsory, we must ensure that schoolwear bought in local stores is consistent with uniform policy. This is not always easy to achieve, as these stores sell a wide variety of clothing styles labelled as 'school uniform'. The fabric and styling of 'school trousers', in particular, differ widely depending on where parents shop.

This booklet is therefore designed to offer guidance on which clothing styles are acceptable for school, and where these may be purchased.

All students are required to wear the uniform as designated in the school prospectus:

- **BLACK SCHOOL JACKET with embroidered badge***
- **TIES*** must be worn properly tied, with the top shirt button fastened.
- **SHIRTS** must be white and worn tucked in, with the top button fastened.
- **TROUSERS** are permitted for girls and boys but must be plain, black trousers in a classic style – that is, not shaped to hug the legs. They must not be denim or leather, or casual in style. Combat trousers, leggings and jeans are not acceptable. **Please see the detailed guide on Page 3, showing where suitable trousers may be bought locally.**
- **SOCKS** worn with trousers should be plain black.



- **SKIRTS** must be plain and black. They must also be of an appropriate length to preserve decency. **Lycra fashion skirts are not permitted.**
- **TIGHTS** must also be plain, and either natural or black.
- **SHOES** must be black, plain and flat, and should be worn to and from school.

Trainers must not be worn except for PE/Games lessons and for permitted sporting activities.

- **No** denim or leather clothing is permitted.



- **PE KIT.** For all games and PE activities, the school's short-sleeved red sports shirt, navy-blue shorts and navy-blue football/hockey socks must be worn.

For **Years 7 and 8**, only the school's red and black, boys' multi-sports tops or girls' badged fleece tops may be worn outdoors for PE during cold weather. **No alternative outdoor tops may be worn.**

Students in **Years 9, 10 and 11** may wear their existing PE kit until they need to replace it, at which time diminishing stocks of old items may oblige them to buy new-style kit.

All students may wear plain black tracksuit bottoms for PE in cold weather. Gum shields are strongly recommended for hockey and rugby activities. For all PE and games activities, students with long hair must provide themselves with hair ties or clips to keep hair off the face.

- **OUTSIDE COATS** should be plain and dark, with minimal or no logos. Denim and leather outside coats must not be worn.

- **SCARVES**, if worn, should preferably be black. Our Uniform Office sells black scarves for £3 each.

- **GREEN APRONS*** for Food Technology are compulsory for the lower years.

- **JEWELLERY.** The wearing of jewellery, with the exception of watches and a small ear stud, no more than one per ear, is not permitted. Other visible piercings are not permitted.

- **MAKE-UP** Too much make-up is inappropriate and in these cases the student will be asked to remove it. Only clear nail varnish may be worn.

- **NO HOODIES or BASEBALL CAPS** are permitted.

- **HAIR.** Extreme styles and colours are not acceptable.

Items marked * can only be purchased from the School Uniform office. You will find a copy of our Uniform Order Form on the back page of this leaflet.

Trousers for both genders may be straight-legged or slightly flared, but MUST NOT be leggings or 'skinny leg' trousers shaped to hug or cling to the legs.



The photographs on the right show ASDA (George) girls' school 'charm detail' trousers, (up to age 14) code 4678391 and girls' school senior basic (up to age 16) 3860213/4256327. Girls' trousers may also be purchased from M&S, "bootleg knitted trouser", code T761269 and "skinking bootleg trouser" T761267S, or from NEXT, code 394880.



Examples of correct styles for boys are: ASDA Boys "flat front" trouser (codes : 2558676, 2565148, 2666566, 2818381, 3505230, 3538935 or 3542183); NEXT black "flat front" trouser 781-675 or "pleat trouser" 872-050; M&S boys "skinking" T763617S or boys' "supercrease" T764620F.

Although many different styles are sold by local stores as school uniform trousers, the Governors and Senior Leadership Team of Harrow Way School reserve the right to decide which styles may be worn as part of our uniform.

Trousers similar to those pictured below are not acceptable:



Shoes must be flat heeled and black leather or simulated leather, similar to the styles below:



If you have any questions regarding your child's uniform, please contact the Uniform Office or your child's Year Leader.