

# **School Uniform Policy**

2025-26

**Autumn Term 2025** 

#### 1 Introduction

We consider the wearing of school uniform to be a contributing factor in the pupils' selfesteem and their adoption of a positive work ethic. It is also designed to give the pupils a clear sense of belonging to the school.

All pupils are required to wear school uniform. The school uniform is designed to be simple, economical, and sensible.

The school is very keen to maintain high standards of uniform. We expect the full support of parents/carers in maintaining the high standards set out in the Uniform Policy.

# 2 Aims/Purpose

The Corbet School Uniform for pupils should:

- be consistent: all pupils should be of similar appearance.
- be identifiable, and smart, giving a positive image of the school.
- be simple and hence easy for parents/carers and staff to manage.
- keep cost to parents/carers as low as possible.

# 3 Expectations for our school community

#### 3.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days and certain trips abroad) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

#### 3.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

#### 3.3 Staff

Tutors and Heads of Year will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the appropriate Key Stage Assistant Head/ Headteacher

Cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation. Senior staff can make reasonable adaptations to this policy based on a pupil's protected characteristics or specific medical conditions.

#### 3.4 Trustees

The trustee board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context.
- Is implemented fairly across the school.
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical, and safe for all pupils.

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money.

#### 4 Our School Uniform

Polo shirt	School issue polo shirt (Years 7-10 sky blue, Year 11 white)	
Sweatshirt	School issue sweatshirt (Years 7-10 navy, Year 11 burgundy)	
Skirt	Dark grey or black standard school skirt to the knee in length	
Trousers	Dark grey or black standard trousers	
Tights	Grey, black, navy, or neutral.	
Shoes	Black school style shoes	
Socks	Black	
Belts	Black with a standard buckle	

#### **5 School PE Kit**

Item	Boys	Girls
*Corbet crested shorts (optional alternative is rugby shorts / skorts)	YES	YES
*Corbet crested polo shirt	NO	YES
*Corbet crested rugby shirt	YES	NO
*Corbet crested performance top	Optional	Optional
*Corbet crested track pants	Optional	Optional
Navy football/rugby socks	YES	YES
Navy base layers (tops and bottoms)	YES (must be navy)	YES (must be navy)
Trainers that offer cushioning, support, and grip	YES	YES
Studded boots	YES (for football and rugby)	YES (for football and rugby)
Mouth guard	Optional but highly recommended for rugby	Optional but highly recommended for rugby
Hair bands	Required for pupils with long hair	Required for pupils with long hair

Corbet crested PE clothing must be purchased from the official supplier (School Shop Direct). All other items can be bought from any retailer.

If parents/ carers have any doubt about whether an item of clothing or footwear is allowed, please visit our website for more information or ring the school to speak to a member of the PE department.

### 6 Prohibited clothing & footwear

Because this list can never be exhaustive, we hope that members of the school will use common sense as to the suitability of trends and fashions for school wear.

The following items are not permitted:

- Fashion skirts and no skirts of stretchy material
- Leggings
- Denim and chino trousers
- Unauthorised footwear e.g., backless shoes, flimsy sandals or high-heeled shoes, boots, trainers, or canvas style footwear.
- Coloured t-shirts worn underneath school polo shirts (white is permitted)
- Fashion belts; denim or leather jackets; hoodies; badges (other than those awarded by the school).

# 7 Jewellery

No jewellery is allowed in school, except a watch.

If pupils are planning to have piercings, then this must be done at the start of the summer holiday so that they can be removed prior to starting back to school in September.

The school will not allow earrings to be covered with plasters.

#### 8 Hair

Extreme haircuts e.g., undercuts or lines/patterns in hair for example, or non–natural colours are not permitted.

#### 9 Make-up

The wearing of make-up is not permitted. However, a skin tone foundation / concealer will be accepted if this is only a light coverage. The following are not permitted to be worn at school; mascara, eyeliner, eyeshadow, blusher, lipstick or lip-gloss, heavily pencilled eyebrows, false nails, nail extensions, nail varnish, false eyelashes, shading/contouring.

#### 10 Lost property

Pupils should check lost property at break time or lunch time and follow their own footsteps to locate any items which they have mislaid. Lost property is situated in the corridor near the sports hall. Parents can view after school by prior arrangement. Lost property left at the end of a term may be disposed of.

#### 11 Corbet Clothes

To reduce waste, recycle old uniforms, and increase the affordability of school wear, we have set up 'Corbet Clothes,' giving families the opportunity to donate unused or unwanted uniforms.

All the items available through <u>Corbet Clothes - The Corbet School</u> will be free of charge (if in stock).

#### 12 Sanctions

We always try to work closely with pupils & parents to resolve issues in partnership. However, if a pupil persistently breaks the uniform policy, then repeated issues can result in escalating sanctions in accordance with the Behaviour Policy.

The school has purchased a limited number of "spares" of key items. If a pupil is not in the correct uniform they will be expected to wear any replacement item we provide (all of which is clean, new, or as new). Pupils who refuse to follow these instructions without a reasonable excuse will be issued greater sanctions.

Pupils who continue to deliberately forget items of uniform, fail to have a note from home or reason for not being in correct uniform will be issued with a sanction.

# 13 Purchasing Uniform

The Corbet School uniform can be purchased from: School Shop Direct

The Corbet School uniform and PE kit is supplied by a Shropshire supplier with a shop in Sundorne, Shrewsbury. This service will provide the option of shopping by telephone, online, or in person at the shop.

In addition to providing the bespoke school uniform it is also possible to buy a full range of school clothing including trousers and skirts.

Contact Details: Telephone 01743 440 449
E-Mail: info@schoolshopdirect.co.uk
Website: www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk

Shop Address: Unit 17/18, Sundorne Trade Park Featherbed Lane, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NS

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 9am-4pm during term time Extended hours in Easter & Summer holidays.

# 14 Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- > Behaviour policy
- > Equality information and objectives statement
- > Anti-bullying policy
- > Complaints policy