

## Uniform Policy Appendix – September 2018

Our school uniform is an important expression of our pride in ourselves as a school and we expect all students to be in correct uniform. If you have any queries please contact your child's Year Leader. If in doubt, check before making any purchases.

- **Only shoes will be acceptable** – plain black leather or synthetic leather shoes (footwear that would be worn for a smart occasion i.e. interview, job in an office, wedding etc.).
- **All trainers** are considered to be sports footwear; these **are unacceptable**.
- **We will not accept any visible branded footwear** (these are too numerous to list but include converse, vans, Nike, Adidas, Puma, Timberland etc.) even if fully black in colour.
- Footwear with fabric or rubber strips or rubber toe coverings **are unacceptable**.
- Boots are not acceptable school footwear. For health and safety reasons boots with steel toecaps - are banned with immediate effect. Once again, please check with your child's Head of House before you purchase.

Leather "Converse / Nike style" remains unacceptable footwear for school.

**No trainers or canvas shoes allowed** – fashions change faster than we can update our pictures. These are for guidance ONLY. Items which are not shown in pictures but which do not meet our requirements will not be allowed.

Please **DO NOT** allow social media communication or "retailer promotion" to persuade you to purchase an item which does not meet our descriptors.

### Acceptable footwear examples (that meet our requirements).

Plain black leather or synthetic leather shoes



**Unacceptable footwear examples (that do not meet our requirements).**



**Trousers and Skirts** – The following guidance is provided to support the uniform requirements of the school: **trouser must be tailored trouser – not tight, skinny or stretch lycra.** Tailored trouser should be 'loose' not 'tight' at the ankle. Skirts should also be tailored and of appropriate length – not tight or stretch lycra; this ensures a smart and "business like" appearance to our students.

**Acceptable uniform styles:**



Tailored Trousers



**Black** Skirt length guide and style.

## Unacceptable uniform styles:



**Coats and Hoodies** – Coats and Hoodies need to be left in lockers and must not be worn around the school building. Lockers are available to hire through Student Services (£5 refundable deposit).

**Piercings** – are not allowed to be worn in school. This includes nose, eyebrows, lips and face. Where a student has a piercing, the item must be removed before coming into school in the morning. It cannot be covered with a plaster or replaced with a so-called 'invisible'/clear plastic piercing. Parents and students need to plan piercings at the start of the summer holiday so that the 6-week period has passed before returning to school and the piercing can be removed without risk of infection. It is not acceptable for students to have new piercings during term time.

**Earrings** – these must be plain studs, one in each ear only. For health and safety reasons hoops, dangly earrings, spacers and spikes are not permitted.

**Nails** – Neutral, single colour Nail varnish can be worn. Please be advised that **nail extensions, false or gel nails are not permitted in school**. It is the responsibility of students to remove nail extensions, false or gel nails before arriving at school. Failure to do so will result in sanctions. These nails must be reserved for school holidays so that they can be removed prior to the return to school.

**Hair Colour and Cuts** – Unnatural hair colour, including “dip-dye ends” are not allowed at Coppice. Haircuts/eyebrows, which include shavings/patterns/“tram lines” are also not acceptable. Please do not allow your child to have these hairstyles/eyebrows as this may result in them being unable to join mainstream classes as part of the sanctions applied.

**Make-up and False Eyelashes** – Heavy make-up or false eyelashes are not permitted at Coppice. Students will be asked to remove make-up/eyelashes before joining mainstream classes.

### **Mobile Phone and Headphones - Reminder:**

We support the security and peace of mind that mobile phones provide for students and parents, which is why we have not banned mobile phones from school, however we have one very simple rule, mobile phones and headphones are **only** permitted at break and lunchtime for sensible use. At all other times during the school day i.e. during lesson times and lesson changeovers, mobile phones must be Out of Sight, Silent - Switched off. If students chose to not follow this rule the consequences will be: • Mobile phone/headphones confiscated and placed in the school safe • Parents/Carers will be informed and will need to collect If students need to contact home they may use the year or school reception phone. Please note the school cannot be held responsible if any valuable items brought into school are lost or stolen.