

## UNIFORM POLICY

It is our policy that all students wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school organised events outside normal school hours. Our policy regarding school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the students with the school;
- protects students from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- reflects the ethos that school is a place of work and drawing attention to oneself through one's appearance is distracting from this core purpose and is therefore inappropriate
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents/carers;
- can assist identification of strangers on school premises.

<b>GENERAL UNIFORM</b>	
<b>Prince William School blazer</b>	Purple blazer with the school logo. Purchase from the school supplier. To be worn at all times, unless permission to remove from member of staff.
<b>Prince William School tie</b>	School tie. Purchase from the school's supplier. Proper tie knot with the school logo visible directly underneath the knot.
<b>White shirt</b>	This can be long sleeved or short sleeved, that has a collar which can hold a tie.
<b>Light grey trousers or the Prince William School purple tartan kilt</b>	Trousers are standard trouser material. Can be purchased from all major retailers. <b>Not charcoal grey. Denim, corduroy or Lycra materials are not permitted. Tight fitting trousers are not permitted.</b> The kilt can only be purchased from the school supplier and must be worn knee length and not rolled over at the waistband.
<b>Plain black/dark socks or plain black/dark tights</b>	Not to be vividly coloured, nor patterned. Fishnet style tights not permitted.
<b>Black Shoes</b>	Smart and sensible plain black leather shoes of a type that need to be polished. <b>Trainers, and shoes that look like trainers, are not acceptable.</b>
<b>Prince William School V-Neck Jumper or Tank Top</b>	These are <u>optional</u> items and can only be purchased from the school supplier.
<b>Jewellery</b>	A discreet necklace and/or bracelet may be worn as long as it does not interfere with learning or represent a safety hazard. A wrist watch is allowed. A single pair of simple stud earrings, one in each ear lobe, is allowed. <b>No other piercings are allowed. If seen, students will be asked to remove them and if they refuse to do so they will be isolated.</b>
<b>Make-up and nails</b>	Nail extensions are not allowed in school. If seen, students will be asked to remove them. Discreet level of make-up. If make-up is seen to be applied in a lesson, it will be confiscated.
<b>Hair styles and colour</b>	<b>Extreme hair styles are not allowed in school.</b> To understand if a hair style is extreme, please check with the school first. Dying of hair is discouraged, but if it is done, then only natural hair colours are permitted.
<b>Mobile phones and other electronic devices</b>	Students may bring mobile phones to school, but they must be left, switched off, in bags during the school day. This includes during break and lunchtimes. If they are seen or heard on the school site, they will be confiscated. Other electronic devices such as iPods, are not allowed in school. The school cannot take responsibility for the loss of any electronic device.
<b>Outdoor coats</b>	It is important to have a warm outdoor coat for cold and wet weather. <b>Hoodies (any hooded tops made of 'hoodie' material, regardless of how it is fastened) are not permitted to be worn in school.</b>

## SPORTS / PE UNIFORM

Having appropriate clothing for PE and sports lessons is part of the expectations at Prince William School.  
Mandatory items must be purchased through the supplier:

Purple and white round neck T-Shirt	Purchase from the school supplier
Purple and white reversible Rugby Shirt	Purchase from the school supplier
Purple and white ¼ Zip Outdoor Fleece (Optional)	Purchase from the school supplier
Black and purple Shorts for Boys Black and purple Skorts for Girls	Purchase from the school supplier
Black game socks with purple turnover	Purchase from the school supplier
Gum Guards (compulsory for Rugby / Hockey)	Can be purchased from sports shops or PWS school shop
Shin Pads (compulsory for Football / Hockey)	Can be purchased from sports shops or the school supplier
Base layer tops and bottoms (Optional)	<b>Must be black</b> - can be purchased from major retailers
Trainers and boots	Purchase from major retailers

Where students are unable to participate in PE lessons, they will be expected to take part in a non-active role to ensure all learning time is fully exploited. PE lessons are not just about participating in sporting activities, but for learning rules, strategy and subject related objectives. As such all students will be expected to change into the appropriate PE kit. Where there is a physical impairment, staff will use common sense and discretion.

### Religious clothing

Prince William School allows students to wear various headdresses that are required due to religious observance, including the hijab, skullcap and turban. These can be worn in addition to the full school uniform. The main school uniform may not be replaced by alternative religious clothing. Any headdress that is to be worn due to religious observance must be black.

The main items for the school uniform are available online from **Total Clothing Ltd, Peterborough**

Website: [www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/pws](http://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/pws)

Orders can be delivered to home addresses or picked up from the Sales Office in Peterborough.

### Equipment

To pass the 'Ready to Learn' check, all students must always have

- ✓ Pen
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ Eraser
- ✓ ID badge
- ✓ Correct uniform

However, they may also find it very beneficial to have

- Scientific calculator
- Coloured pencils
- Compass and protractor
- English dictionary and thesaurus

The Finance Office operates a shop from which the above items can be bought throughout the school year.

## FAQs

**1. Does my child have to wear their blazer even in hot conditions?**

All students are expected to bring their blazers to school and to wear them during lesson time. In hot conditions, common sense will be applied and students will be given permission from their class teacher to remove their blazer for that particular lesson.

**2. If my child gets a nose stud that cannot be removed until it heals, what do I do?**

The school does not allow any facial piercings. The stud will have to be removed and the hole will heal and close up. If it is not possible to remove the stud, your child will not be allowed into school until the rules are adhered to and medical attention may be required to help remove it.

**3. My child doesn't know how to do up a tie with an appropriate knot. Does this matter?**

Your child will be able to get help at school, if you as the parent cannot do a tie knot. It would be expected that you help and ensure your child is fully ready for school before they arrive.

**4. How long do I have to purchase a new uniform item, should my child grow out of, or damage it?**

The school would ask you purchase one as quickly as possible. There may be times where the school will request your child to wear black pumps instead of trainers if there are problems purchasing shoes, or we may provide a second-hand item for a period until you are able to purchase an item. If this is the case, your child will need to wear this item regardless of the size difference.

**5. My child tells me of other students wearing items of clothing that are not part of the school uniform. Why can they wear them and my child not?**

With around 1000 students attending school, there may be times students not following the Uniform Policy in some shape or form are missed. This is not intentional. Once identified, all students are dealt with in the same way.

**6. What if I can't afford to buy the uniform?**

The Governing Body of the school has spent time ensuring the uniform is value for money and that as many items can be purchased from multiple sources to keep costs as low as possible. It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure uniform is purchased for school. If there are specific financial issues the school can be contacted and we can discuss your financial situation to ascertain if the school can support in any way.

**7. What right does the school have to send my child home for not following the Uniform Policy?**

The school has the right to send students home to change or rectify the issue affecting their compliance with the school Uniform Policy with the expectation that they return to school in line with the policy. The DfE guidance on school uniform says "A Headteacher or a person authorised by the Headteacher, may ask a student 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."