



Nether Stowe School

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Dear Parent/ Carer

At Nether Stowe, one of the things we pride ourselves on, is having extremely high standards of uniform. It provides our students with a sense of pride in their appearance and in belonging to our school community.

The majority of our students meet our expectations by wearing the correct uniform every day.

The end of a half term is a good time to remind students of our expectations and give an opportunity to address any instances of standards not being met.

When we return after the half term break, if there are issues with your child's uniform, you will be informed, so that you can support your child to put this right. There will be a maximum of one week's grace (which we will end on Friday 5th November) to allow time to resolve any issues. After this point, our behaviour policy will be followed for any ongoing uniform issues.

Your child will always be given the opportunity to borrow clean appropriate uniform should they arrive at school in items not meeting our expectations.

We are always happy to discuss possible support with uniform in cases of financial hardship. Please contact your child's Pastoral or College Head to discuss.

The information below provides a **summary** of our expectations. Full details can be found on the school website, under the "Parents" tab.

- **Shoes** – must be plain black, leather style, school shoes and **not** trainers, pumps or boots. Avoid purchasing brands such as Adidas, Nike (**including Nike Air Force 1**) and Converse etc. which are not suitable as school shoes. Examples of acceptable shoes are pictured overleaf. If your child needs to wear alternative shoes due to a medical condition, please provide medical evidence to support this.
- **Skirts** – These must be plain black, **knee length** and not be of a tight-fitting style or material.
- **Trousers** – must be full length, plain black in conventional (office) style. Jeans, leggings or other tight-legged trousers and those with studs or zipped front pockets are not acceptable.
- **Hoodies and jumpers**- A plain black V neck jumper may be worn under the blazer. No other jumpers or hoodies are allowed on the school site even at social times. If a student is cold, they should wear a coat (not leather or denim) over their blazer whilst outdoors.
- **Jewellery**- This should be kept to a minimum: Only a watch, one plain stud in each ear and a necklace (not visible) are permitted. Your child will be expected to remove all other jewellery, including ear stretchers.
- **Facial piercings**- No facial piercings including nose studs are permitted, even with a clear stud. Covering facial piercings with a plaster during the healing process will not be allowed and the item will need to be removed.
- **Hairstyles** – Hair should be of natural colour and no lines or extreme styles are permitted. Hair length should not be less than grade 2. Long hair must be tied back for all practical subjects.
- **Make-up and nails** - Make-up, if worn at all, should be subtle and barely visible. Nail varnish must not be worn in Key Stage 3. In Key Stage 4 nails must look natural: bright or dark colours are not acceptable. **False nails and eyelashes are not permitted and will need to be removed.**

If you are unsure about whether any item of clothing such as trousers, skirts or shoes are suitable, please contact us and we will be happy to help before you make the purchase.

We are also happy for you to contact us at any time regarding piercings and hair colours/ styles for a decision prior to having anything done that might go against the high standards we expect from all Nether Stowe students.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss D J Sullivan

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Examples of **acceptable** footwear.
If uncertain, please ask before purchasing.



Not acceptable: For example, Nike Air Force 1, Converse, Adidas



Examples of **acceptable** trousers and skirts.

