



**The King's (The Cathedral) School**

**School Uniform Policy**

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## 1. Purpose, Ethos and Scope

At The King's (The Cathedral) School, Peterborough, our uniform reflects our identity as a Christian school community, rooted in respect, dignity and service. Our uniform promotes a shared sense of belonging, supports high standards, and helps pupils of all ages feel part of a caring and purposeful environment.

This policy applies to all pupils in Key Stages 2 to 5 and has been developed in line with Department for Education statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms. It is designed to be clear, fair and supportive of families, while reflecting the values and traditions of the School.

## 2. Our Christian Values and School Ethos

As a Christian foundation school, our approach to uniform is shaped by the School's core values of **Joyfulness, Generosity, Inclusivity, Spirituality and Excellence**.

- **Inclusivity** – our policy is designed to respect individual needs and ensure all pupils feel welcomed, valued and supported.
- **Excellence** – clear expectations for appearance help pupils to take pride in themselves and represent the School well.
- **Joyfulness** – our uniform supports a positive sense of belonging and pride in the School community.
- **Generosity** – we are mindful of the financial impact on families and seek to keep uniform requirements fair and affordable.
- **Spirituality** – we encourage pupils to present themselves with dignity and respect, recognising the worth of every individual.

Our uniform policy reflects these values by being inclusive, practical and proportionate, while maintaining high standards.

## 3. Aims of the Uniform Policy

The School uniform aims to:

- Promote a strong sense of identity, belonging and community
- Support equality by reducing visible differences between pupils
- Encourage high standards of appearance, conduct and self-respect
- Ensure that uniform requirements are reasonable, affordable and sustainable
- Allow pupils to focus on learning without unnecessary distraction

## 4. Affordability and Value for Money

The King's School is committed to ensuring that the cost of uniform does not present a barrier to attendance or participation. In line with statutory guidance, we:

- Limit the number of compulsory branded items
- Allow generic, non-branded alternatives wherever possible
- Review uniform requirements regularly to ensure they remain necessary and proportionate
- Provide clear information about which items are compulsory and which are optional
- Support access to second-hand uniform through The King's Friends

## 5. Branded Items

A branded item is defined as one that displays the School logo or crest, or which can only realistically be purchased from a specific supplier.

From September 2026, the School limits compulsory branded items in line with Department for Education guidance. Optional branded items may be purchased at parents' discretion but are not required.

## **6. Uniform Requirements by Key Stage (Policy Summary)**

This section sets out the compulsory items only. Full uniform lists are provided in the Appendices.

### **Key Stage 2 (Junior Department)**

#### **Girls – compulsory branded items:**

- School blazer with badge
- Maroon sports hoodie with school crest
- White PE polo shirt with school crest

#### **Boys – compulsory branded items (including tie):**

- School blazer with badge
- Junior school tie
- Maroon sports hoodie with school crest
- White PE polo shirt with school crest

### **Key Stages 3 and 4 (Lower and Middle School)**

#### **Girls – compulsory branded items:**

- School blazer with badge
- School skirt (as specified by year group)
- Maroon PE polo shirt with school crest

#### **Boys – compulsory branded items (including tie):**

- School blazer with badge
- School tie (Lower or Middle School)
- Maroon PE polo shirt with school crest

### **Key Stage 5 (Sixth Form)**

#### **Girls – compulsory branded items:**

- School blazer with badge
- Black kilt
- Maroon/white striped shirt

#### **Boys – compulsory branded items:**

- School blazer with badge
- Sixth Form tie

## **7. Equality, Inclusion and Reasonable Adjustments**

The King's School is committed to equality and inclusion and recognises its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

The School will consider reasonable adjustments to uniform requirements to accommodate pupils' individual needs, including (but not limited to):

- Religious observance or belief
- Disability or medical needs
- Gender identity or gender expression
- Cultural considerations

Requests for adjustments must be made in writing to the Headteacher prior to the start of the academic year. Requests will be considered sensitively and on an individual basis, in partnership with pupils and parents, to ensure that all pupils feel respected, supported and able to participate fully in school life.

Where circumstances arise during the academic year that could not reasonably have been anticipated, the School will consider such requests on a case-by-case basis.

## **8. Second-Hand Uniform**

To further support affordability and sustainability, pre-owned uniform is available through **The King's Friends**. Details of how to access second-hand uniform are published on the School website.

## **9. Jewellery and Appearance**

The School expects pupils to present themselves in a manner that reflects our values of respect, inclusion and excellence.

- Jewellery - For reasons of safety and consistency, jewellery is kept to a minimum. Pupils may wear one small stud earring in each earlobe only. No other earrings or body piercings are permitted. A single chain necklace and one ring may be worn; no other jewellery or adornments are acceptable.
- Earrings and all other jewellery must be removed for Physical Education lessons and sporting activities.
- The School will make reasonable adjustments for religious observance, medical needs or other protected characteristics in line with the Equality Act 2010.
- Pupils may wear natural make-up only and natural-coloured nails or nail polish. Make-up is not permitted in the Junior department; this includes nail varnish and lipstick.
- Hair should be clean, tidy and appropriate for a school learning environment, this includes facial hair. Hair colouring must be limited to natural hair tones (for example black, brown, blonde, auburn or grey). Bright, vivid, fluorescent or significantly contrasting colours (such as blue, green, pink, maroon or similar shades) are not permitted. The School recognises and respects culturally and religiously significant hairstyles and will make reasonable adjustments where required. Requests for exceptions will be considered on an individual basis in line with the Equality Act 2010. These requests should be made in writing to the Headteacher before the hair cut/style is obtained.
- Only school-issued badges may be worn, and these must be worn on the left lapel of the school blazer
- Head coverings are generally not allowed subject to exceptions on grounds of disability, religion or belief.

## **10. Expectations and Compliance**

Pupils are expected to wear the School uniform correctly, consistently and with pride, in line with the standards set out in this policy. The School believes that clear and reasonable expectations regarding uniform support positive behaviour, a purposeful learning environment and a strong sense of community.

This policy, and the expectations it sets out, apply during the school day, when travelling to and from School, and whenever pupils are representing the School in the wider community, including but not limited to educational visits, school trips and external events, unless alternative arrangements have been agreed by the School.

Where uniform does not meet the required standard, staff will address this in a respectful and proportionate manner. The School recognises that issues may arise for a range of reasons and will work constructively with pupils and families to resolve concerns wherever possible.

Repeated or deliberate failure to comply with the School's uniform requirements may be managed in accordance with the School's Behaviour Policy, which sets out the School's approach to promoting positive behaviour, addressing non-compliance and applying sanctions where necessary.

## Appendix A - Key Stage 2 (Junior Department) Uniform

\*Denotes Compulsory Branded Items

### Girls' Uniform

- School Blazer with badge\*
- Zinc-grey knife pleated skirt
- Revere-neck long or short-sleeved white blouse
- White socks
- Black shoes - not suede or canvas, or boots
- House Badge

### Boys' Uniform

- School Blazer with badge\*
- Charcoal grey trousers - *not black or near-black, nor jeans-type or corduroy*
- Plain long or short-sleeved white shirt
- Junior School tie\*
- Plain black or dark grey socks
- Black shoes - not suede or canvas, or boots
- House Badge

### Optional Additional Items

- Burgundy V-neck sweater - no cardigans are permitted, or garments with hoods, zips, patterns, ribs, etc. No logos are permitted, except for the School crest
- Dark-coloured coat, raincoat or anorak (a discreet logo is permitted). No fashion, denim or leather coats are acceptable
- School scarf
- Grey knitted tights
- Hair accessories must be plain black or maroon

### Physical Education Kit

- White polo shirt with maroon School crest\*
- Plain black nylon shorts - no stripes
- Maroon sports hoodie with School crest\*
- White short socks
- Training shoes for outdoor use
- Plimsolls or light trainers for indoor PE
- Black one-piece swimming costume (girls) or Black swimming trunks (boys)

### Optional Additional PE Items

- Woollen maroon hat with School crest (winter)
- Black baseball cap with School crest (summer)
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms - no other colour or stripes and no logos.
- Black or navy gloves

**Articles of clothing and PE Kit must be clearly and indelibly marked with the Pupil's name before being brought into school**

### Jewellery and Appearance

- No Jewellery or watches should be worn for Physical Education lessons
- Earrings – small studs only, one in each earlobe
- A watch maybe worn, but no other jewellery or adornments are acceptable
- Make-up is not permitted - this includes nail varnish and lipstick

- Hair should be clean, tidy and appropriate for a school learning environment. Hair colouring must be limited to natural hair tones (for example black, brown, blonde, auburn or grey). Bright, vivid, fluorescent or significantly contrasting colours (such as blue, green, pink, maroon or similar shades) are not permitted. Hair should be tidy and smart at all times, this includes any facial hair

**Compulsory branded items are available from Total Clothing, but families are free to source compliant items from alternative suppliers where available. All other The King's (The Cathedral) School branded items may also be purchased from Total Clothing**

## Appendix B - Key Stages 3&4 (Lower & Middle School)

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### Girls' Uniform

- School blazer with badge\*
- Skirt\*. **Yrs 7-9:** Grey box-pleated skirt below knee length. **Yrs 10-11:** Grey kick pleat skirt below knee length
- Revere-neck white blouse
- Long grey or maroon socks OR plain black or flesh-coloured tights
- Short white socks (summer only)
- Plain black shoes - not suede or canvas, or boots
- House Badge



### Boys' Uniform

- School blazer with badge\*
- Plain dark charcoal grey trousers - not black or near black, nor jeans-type or corduroy
- Plain white shirt
- Tie\*. **Yrs 7-9:** Lower School clip-on tie. **Yrs 10-11:** Middle School clip-on tie
- Plain black or dark grey socks
- Plain black shoes - not suede or canvas, or boots
- House Badge



### Optional Additional Items

- V-neck Sweater: **Years 7-9:** Burgundy, **Years 10-11:** Black. *No cardigans or garments with hoods, zips, patterns etc. No logos are permitted, except for the School crest*
- School scarf
- Dark-coloured coat, raincoat or anorak (a discreet logo is permitted). *No fashion, denim or leather coats are acceptable*

### Physical Education Kit

- Maroon polo shirt with School crest\*
- Girls: plain black shorts (no cycling shorts) or black sports leggings (must be opaque and no stripes or overt logos other than the School crest)
- Boys: black shorts (no stripes or overt logos other than the School crest)
- Black Training top with zip (no hoodies, stripes or overt logos other than the school crest)
- Maroon football socks with white turnovers
- Trainers
- Football boots
- White socks
- Shin pads

### Optional Additional PE Items

- Black training pants (*no stripes or overt logos other than the school crest*)
- Base Layer top, Black (boys) or White (girls)
- Black rugby shorts (*no stripes or overt logos*)
- Maroon and white rugby shirt
- Black skort (*no stripes or overt logos other than the school crest*)

## **Jewellery and Appearance**

- Pupils may wear one small stud earring in each earlobe only. No other earrings or body piercings are permitted. A single chain necklace and one ring may be worn; no other jewellery or adornments are acceptable.
- Hair should be clean, tidy and appropriate for a school learning environment, this includes facial hair. Hair colouring must be limited to natural hair tones (for example black, brown, blonde, auburn or grey). Bright, vivid, fluorescent or significantly contrasting colours (such as blue, green, pink, maroon or similar shades) are not permitted. Hair should be tidy and smart at all times, this includes any facial hair
- **No jewellery, including earrings, may be worn for Physical Education lessons or sporting activity**

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## Appendix C - Key Stage 5 (Sixth Form)

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### Girls' Uniform

- School Blazer with badge\*
- Black kilt\*
- Maroon/white striped shirt\*
- Plain black, maroon or flesh-coloured tights
- Black shoes - not suede or canvas, or boots

### Boys' Uniform

- School Blazer with badge\*
- Sixth Form clip-on tie\*
- Plain black flannel trousers - *no jeans-type or corduroy*
- Plain black or dark socks
- Black shoes - not suede or canvas, or boots

### Optional Additional Items

- Black V-neck sweater - *no cardigans or garments with hoods, zips, patterns etc. No logos are permitted, except for the School crest*
- School scarf
- Dark-coloured coat, raincoat or anorak (a discreet logo is permitted) - *no fashion, denim or leather coats are acceptable*

### Extracurricular Items

- Extra-Curricular King's School t-shirt with logo (available only from MDH Teamwear) or plain black t-shirt
- Black jogging bottoms / shorts / sports leggings
- Rugby – black socks and black rugby shorts
- Football – black socks and black shorts
- Hockey – black skort and maroon socks with white turnover

### Jewellery and Appearance

- Pupils may wear one small stud earring in each earlobe only. No other earrings or body piercings are permitted. A single chain necklace and one ring may be worn; no other jewellery or adornments are acceptable.
- No visible tattoos are permitted
- Hair should be clean, tidy and appropriate for a school learning environment, this includes facial hair. Hair colouring must be limited to natural hair tones (for example black, brown, blonde, auburn or grey). Bright, vivid, fluorescent or significantly contrasting colours (such as blue, green, pink, maroon or similar shades) are not permitted. Hair should be tidy and smart at all times, this includes any facial hair
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