



Durrington High School

School uniform, personal presentation and equipment policy

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Introduction

Our students are extremely smart and we place high regard on their personal presentation and the way in which they wear their uniform. By upholding the highest expectations, students visibly demonstrate their pride in attending Durrington High School and being part of our school community. We expect full school uniform to be worn by all students every day, both on the way to and from school and for the whole duration of the school day. We value the full support that parents/carers give the school in ensuring that their child meets the uniform expectations and we expect our students to be in full uniform each day.

We have kept many of the items of uniform generic and these can be sourced at relatively low cost from a range of providers including supermarkets and via the internet. In addition, we continue to offer a half-termly recycled uniform provision where parents/carers can come in and purchase pre-owned items of uniform at significantly lower cost. These steps help ensure that the costing of uniform is accessible to all students and families.

Students will be removed from lessons if they are not wearing the correct uniform or personal presentation doesn't meet with the expectations in this policy. We strongly advise that parents/carers (or students) should check with the school before purchasing items or colouring or styling hair if they are unsure of whether the item, hairstyle or hair colour will meet with school expectations. The headteachers' decisions on all matters relating to uniform and personal presentation are final.

As per guidance we minimise the number of items that are school logo branded.

Our uniform suppliers are:

Broadwater Sports

37 Broadwater Street West, Worthing, BN14 9BY

<https://broadwatersports.co.uk/schoolwear-2/durrington-high-school/>

First 4 Uniform

32, North Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 9AB

<https://www.first4uniform.com/school-uniform-category/durrington-high-school/>

Details about uniform and personal presentation expectations are below. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the school.

The wearing of school uniform

Wearing your uniform



Specific uniform points

Skirts

The exclusive skirt is a black knee-length Banner 'A' line Salisbury style only. The hem of the skirt should lie/remain on the knee at all times and can be purchased from Broadwater Sports, schooljumpers.co.uk, and First4uniform.com.

Skirts must not be rolled at the waist or adapted in any other way so as to change the look/style of them.

Trousers

Trousers must be straight-legged and be plain black material only. No tapering or flaring is acceptable wherever this is in the trouser legs.

Trousers that are skinny fit, skin tight, denim, made of heavy cotton material, contain Lycra or similar stretchy/elastic fabric that would cause them to look skin tight/tapered or with logos are not acceptable.

Trousers should not have on them additional buttons/ zips/ sequins/rips/studs/ poppers/makers' labels or names. Trousers are expected to be worn to the waist and in a low-slung manner. They must also be long enough to reach the top of the shoe when standing. Students will be challenged and sanctioned if found to be wearing either suitable trousers or wearing their trousers in an inappropriate way.

Belts

Plain black only with buckles that are discreet and plain. Buckles must not be coloured, display logos or be any larger than the width of the trouser waistband.

Shirts

Plain white shirt with collar (fitted shirts and/or blouses are not acceptable). Both long sleeved and short sleeved are acceptable. No logos are allowed on shirts. Shirts should be worn with all buttons done up and be tucked properly into trousers / skirts. Shirts should be of a suitable size to ensure the top button is done up at all times.

Ties

Durrington High School company tie. Ties should be worn with the knot covering the collar button of shirts and a minimum of 7 complete seahorses should be visible below the knot.

Blazers

Black with a school badge.

School Jumper (Optional item)

The Black V neck jumper, complete with Durrington High School piping on the collar will provide additional warmth if needed, but it must be worn underneath the blazer, it is not an alternative. Please note this item is optional and can be found here: [DHS V neck school jumper](#).

T-shirts

Only plain white T-shirts can be worn beneath school shirts.

Tights

Black or neutral shades only. Leggings are not to be worn as part of the normal school uniform (i.e as an alternative to tights)

Socks

Plain black only.

Footwear

Formal black shoes only. Flat soled shoes including sandals, sliders, backless shoes, plimsolls, or black trainers of any style are not acceptable neither are boots. Our advice is to consider formal black shoes as shoes that have a heel. This avoids any confusion with trainers.

Coats

Coats/scarves/jumpers (other than the DHS school jumper) are not permitted to be worn or carried around the school building during the school day. These should be stored in the lockers provided, or carried securely in school bags.

Hair colouring and styles

Extreme styles of hair are unacceptable. This may include: unnatural colours (for example red/blue/plum/purple tinted); two tone/dip-dye hair; shaved lines; shaved pattern; complete shaving of the head (classed as grade 1 or below). Distinct changes in length (non-graduated) are permissible. However the style should remain more formal i.e. presented in a neat style at all times. Styles such as Mohicans, Mohawks, long spiking up of hair on top of the head or similar are classed as extreme styles and not permitted. If you are in any doubt please contact the school before getting hair cut/styled. The above are all examples, the lists are not exhaustive.

Shaving of lines in eyebrows is also not permitted

Headwear

No hats or head coverings are permitted to be worn other than those that the school agrees are for religious observance (for example hijabs). Permitted religious headcoverings must be plain black.

Personal Presentation

Makeup should be discreet.

- Nail varnish, nail polish, acrylic or false nails and/or nail art are not to be worn.
- Natural looking false eyelashes and the wearing of discretely applied mascara are permitted. However more extreme styles of lashes including those that significantly alter the thickness and/or length of lashes (as an example “Russians”) are not permitted.
- Themed makeup (examples being looks associated with Anime and Gothic) is not permitted.
- No pen or other drawing on the skin is permissible, neither are any temporary tattoos.

Jewellery

For safety reasons, only one pair of small (<3mm) plain metal (silver or gold) stud earrings can be worn. No other jewellery is allowed. Nose studs, tongue studs and all other forms of body piercing are forbidden in school and must be removed before entering school. If worn this will be confiscated by staff and returned at the end of the day.

PE Kit - new style from September 2025 onwards

From September and for our Year 7 students, we have made some adaptations and updates to the school P.E kit to ensure that it is more comfortable for students but also more functional.

The PE polo shirt has been replaced with a round neck, lightweight and breathable t shirt. The DHS PE shorts have been updated and navy blue DHS approved leggings are available for students to wear as an alternative to shorts. The rugby jumper / hooded top has been replaced with a more durable 1/4 zip top. As a result, for September 2025 Year 7 students, the school Pe kit consists of:

- DHS PE top
- DHS PE shorts
- DHS PE ¼ zip jumper
- DHS leggings (optional)

PE Kit - legacy

Students can wear their existing (legacy) DHS PE kit and there is no expectation on parents/carers to purchase the updated items. In the event of an item being replaced, students are welcome to purchase the updated PE Kit.

PE Kit for indoor activities

- Sky blue polo shirt with school logo
- Navy blue shorts only, logo to be no bigger than thumb size.
- White sports socks
- Non-marking trainers (NB. no skate board shoes or flat-soled trainers)
- Leggings may only be worn for dance and gymnastics. Leggings can be either DHS navy blue leggings, or can be of a plain black style with a logo no bigger than thumb size. If plain black they must not have any additional writing, stripes or branding on them.

P.E. Kit Outdoor activities –

- Navy blue reversible Rugby shirt with sky blue band or DHS PE hooded top with school logo (optional).
- Plain navy blue shorts, logo no bigger than thumb size.
- Navy blue football/rugby socks.
- Football boots.
- Plain navy blue tracksuit bottoms may be worn over shorts for autumn – spring term. Logo must be no bigger than thumb size.
- Plain navy or black base layer (e.g. under armour style) may be worn (autumn to spring terms only)

In every PE lesson – students are required to remove all items of jewellery. This includes earrings and watches. Earring or nose tape (or plasters) are not considered acceptable to cover piercings; all piercings must be removed.

Failure to comply with the uniform & personal presentation aspects of this policy will see students working outside of lesson until the issue is rectified.

Standard equipment

School bags

Every student is expected to bring a suitable bag to school.

Stationary items

They are also required to bring suitable equipment to use in school. The expected equipment list includes

- Black/blue writing pens
- Pencil (s)
- A ruler
- A protractor
- A scientific calculator
- In years 7-9 the paperback book they are currently reading.

Students must not bring any sharp or item(s) with them into school. They must never carry scissors, compasses, sharp knives (for Art/DT) on their person. Equipment needed in specific lessons will be provided by the school.

No student should bring (or be asked to bring) into school any items that are deemed to be inappropriate, illegal or dangerous to other students even if it is for an educational purpose. (See 'Behaviour Policy' for further clarification).

Mobile Phones and other electronic devices / accessories

Our goal is that every student gets the best out of each day they spend in school building lasting friendships and developing as well-rounded, informed members of the community. In order to support this we want to avoid all potential distractions and disruptions. To support this, and in line with the recommendations from the Department for Education, students are not permitted to access or use their mobile phone at any time when on the school site. At all other times, all devices should be switched off (not left on or silenced) and not visible.

Phones will be confiscated and expectations cards signed if a student is seen using their phone. Repeated issues will trigger increased sanctions being put in place. Additionally no smart glasses or any other device that can record audio or video are permitted in school.

Should parents / carers need to contact a student during the school day, this should be done via the main school reception and any necessary message can be relayed to the student. Equally, if there is a need for a student to contact home, this can (where reasonable to do so) be facilitated by the House team at break or lunchtime.