

# Hebburn Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We very much look forward to welcoming your child in September and hope they are excited about beginning their secondary school journey at Hebburn Comprehensive School.

As we approach the end of the year, I want to take the opportunity to outline expectations in relation to uniform and the basic equipment required for September.

As a school, we have extremely high expectations in relation to all aspects of school life, including the wearing of school uniform. It gives pupils a sense of belonging and encourages them to take pride in their personal appearance, as they approach each new day of learning with the right mindset. We ask for your full support in ensuring that your child wears always correct uniform.

From September, uniform will be checked daily and pupils who are not wearing the correct school uniform will receive a 30 minute detention. Therefore, we ask you to check the Uniform Policy very carefully, before buying items in order to ensure that your son/daughter is wearing the correct uniform. Additional photographs have been added to the Uniform Policy this year, so parents/carers can be clearer about what styles are/are not permitted. Please read the full policy carefully and refer to the images found in the link below.

### Some key points relating to uniform:

- Blazers are a compulsory part of school uniform. They must not be replaced with an alternative outer layer/jacket.
- Plain black, polishable footwear with **no other colours or coloured logos**. **Branding** and **stitching must be black.** Please see images in the links below for further clarification.
- Leggings are <u>not</u> part of school uniform; formal school trousers or school skirts must be worn instead. See below for further information.
- Tube skirts/elasticated skirts are not acceptable. School skirts must be knee length.
- Sweatshirts are not permitted.

## New for September (additions are highlighted for your convenience):

- Plain black or grey, tailored, full length school trousers. Please see the images for further clarification.
- Pupils should not wear 'skinny' trousers, jeans, jeggings, leggings or sports leggings: they are not appropriate for school. If a pupil is wearing any of these items, appropriate sanctions will be put in place and parents/carers will be contacted, so the issue can be rectified quickly.
- Piercings, of any kind, including transparent piercing retainers, are not allowed in school. Please
  note that pupils will not be allowed to cover piercings with an Elastoplast or any form of sticky
  tape. They must be removed.











#### **Basic Equipment**

When referring to basic equipment, we refer to the items of stationery, and other equipment, that pupils are required to bring to school each day. Basic equipment is checked every morning and sanctions are put in place if pupils are not fully prepared for learning with the right equipment. Please note that our Basic Equipment requirements have been updated too. The main changes are detailed below:

- KS3 pupils are now required to bring a reading book to school every day (or they can sign one out of the library, if required; however, books must be returned as per library policy.)
- All pupils should bring a school bag with them **every day**. It must be big enough to carry an A4 folder, exercise books, and their PE kit.
- Pupils are **no longer** advised to bring a pair of compasses with them. They should be left at home.

Please refer to the equipment list below for further details about what is required.

## For further information, please click on the links below:

Equipment list for 2022-2023 can be found here: <a href="https://bit.ly/3IC2m2Y">https://bit.ly/3IC2m2Y</a> Uniform Policy for 2022-2023 can be found here: <a href="https://bit.ly/3z4FCWg">https://bit.ly/3z4FCWg</a>

Finally, given the current cost of living crisis, we would like to give parents and carers the opportunity to exchange pre-loved uniform.

## Pre-loved Uniform Exchange

Come to our school and take a look at the items we have available to you between:

Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 July, 2022 (10:00 – 12:00)

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to meeting our new Year 7 pupils in September.

Yours sincerely

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**Assistant Head Teacher**