Uniform Policy

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1. What is the purpose of uniform?

Most secondary schools in England require pupils to wear some form of school uniform.

There are three reasons why school uniform is important:

1. **Promotes equality and reduces peer pressure:**

One of the key benefits of school uniform is it reduces the social and economic differences between pupils. When everyone wears the same clothing, there is less pressure to keep up with fashion trends and expensive brands. This promotes inclusivity and allows friendships to be formed on character not clothing.

2. **Enhances the focus on academics:**

Another reason why school uniform is important is it reduces distractions in the classroom. By removing the decision about what to wear each day, it allows pupils to focus on learning. Research has linked school uniform to increased focus and concentration.

3. **Encourages a sense of belonging and community:**

School uniform builds a sense of belonging to a community. Pupils wear the uniform with pride whether in the classroom or in the community; pupils are easily recognisable.

We must insist all pupils wear the correct school uniform to ensure fairness for all.

2. The Coquet Community School uniform

From September 2026, all pupils (Year 7 – Year 11) will be expected to dress for school in the Coquet Community School uniform.

Our uniform is smart, yet affordable and practical. Our school uniform has been devised with due consideration of the statutory guidance from the Department of Education. In line with government legislation, all branded items of uniform are marked as compulsory or optional. There are only three compulsory branded items: school jumper, tie and pe t-shirt.

The required uniform is as follows:

2.1 School jumper (compulsory)

- Navy blue V-neck jumper with school logo (available from Emblematic).

2.2 Shirt

- Plain white school shirt buttoned to the neck.

2.3 School Tie (compulsory)

- Branded tie which will identify the year group that the pupil is in. Pupils will keep the same tie throughout their time in the school. A new tie does not need to be purchased each year (available from Emblematic or school reception).

Ties for each year group from September 2026 (which will be available to purchase from June/July 2026) are as follows:

- Year 7: Royal blue with white stripe
- Year 8: Steel grey with white stripe
- Year 9: Purple with white stripe

- Year 10: Cyan blue with white stripe
- Year 11: Silver with navy stripe.

2.4 Trousers

Charcoal grey school trousers. We do not allow jeans, leggings, cargo, joggers or stretchy style trousers and items should be free from logos and embellishments. The bottoms of trousers should rest on top of school shoes and move freely about the leg.

Please click on these style examples from online retailers to view examples of accepted trouser styles marketed to males:

- **Emblematic**
- **Asda**
- **Next 1**
- **Next 2**

Please click on these style examples from online retailers to view examples of accepted trouser styles marketed to females:

- **Tesco**
- **Next**
- **M & S**

2.5 Skirts

Charcoal grey skirt. Skirts must not be rolled or folded at the waist and should be of acceptable length for school environment.

Please click on these style examples from online retailers to view examples of accepted styles:

- **Emblematic**
- **Asda**

2.6 Footwear

- We allow Vans, Converse and Nike Air Force 1 type – any all black trainer/shoes. All sections of the shoe must be black, including soles and branding. Pupils can wear boots, but heels must be under 1inch
- Grey, white or black socks can be worn underneath trousers
- Plain black tights should be opaque (at least 60 denier).

2.7 PE Kit

Our school PE Kit is made up of compulsory CCS branded and optional items. All PE Kit items are available from Total Sport and Emblematic, compulsory and optional items are marked accordingly.

All jewellery must be removed and hair tied back before PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

On PE days, pupils must come in to school wearing full school uniform and bring their PE kit with them in their school bag, to be changed in to.

- School branded blue T-shirt. **(compulsory - available from Total Sport)**
- Plain black sports shorts, leggings, or tracksuit bottoms (branded items are available should you wish to purchase these). A small logo will be permitted.
- Trainers
- Football boots can be worn during activities such as cross country, football and rugby with teacher's permission
- ¼ zip school branded top. **(optional).**

2.8 Coats

Coats can be worn into school but must be removed and placed on the back of chairs when pupils are in the classroom.

2.9 Additional school uniform items

Pupils are permitted to wear ONE pair of stud earrings. Long, hanging or hooped earring are not permitted due to safety concerns. ONE basic nose stud is acceptable, no nose rings or rings with embellishments. No other piercings are acceptable. Rings, bracelets and necklaces are not permitted. If your child attends school with non-regulation jewellery, they will be asked to remove them.

Long false nails or extensions are not permitted in school. If your child attends school with nails that are obviously extensions or false, they will be asked to cut them or remove them.

Make up and false eye lashes are permitted but must be natural. If your child attends schools with obvious false eye lashes or heavy makeup, they will be asked to remove it.

If your child chooses not to comply with the uniform policy by wearing any of the above, they will spend time in RESTORE until the choose to comply with the uniform policy.

3. Expectations of parents

Parents must support their child by ensuring they have the correct uniform available to them and not purchasing incorrect styles. If you are unsure, please contact us in advance of purchase and we will confirm.

Please do not allow your child to wear, or bring into school, any non-uniform items such as hoodies.

Similarly, please do not allow your child to colour their hair or to get acrylic nails as they are not permitted and this creates conflict.

If there are difficulties with uniform, please contact school before 8:40am so we can ensure they are dressed appropriately ahead of the day.

4. If your child falls short of our uniform expectations

We will check your child's uniform daily. This will happen on entrance and throughout the day. This allows us to support your child to rectify any difficulties from an early point in the day. This avoids escalation and possible confrontation and challenge.

We are aware that at times uniform becomes too small, lost or damaged. This is unavoidable. We are committed to working with parents to rectify the problem as quickly as possible. This includes supplying missing items, supporting financially or agreeing a reasonable timescale for the replacement of missing items (see below).

The important consideration is whether the problem is the fault of the child. Children do grow and do lose things.

If your child has missing items of uniform, you will be contacted to establish the reasons and a timescale for to rectify the problem. We will support your child by loaning them an item for the day.

If we do not have the item, your child will be given a uniform pass badge which will allow their incomplete uniform for the day. This will ensure staff are aware of the circumstances and avoid embarrassment for your child.

If your child chooses to wear the wrong uniform and are unsupportive of our policy, they will be isolated in RESTORE until they make more positive behavioural choices.

5. Adjustments on religious or cultural grounds

If you child requires adjustments to uniform on religious or cultural grounds, please contact school directly so that your child's name can be added to the adjustment register.

6. Reasonable adjustments

We continue to support the sensory or medical needs of young people through adjustments to uniform. This will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and with the agreement of the SENCO. Pupils who have agreed adjustments will be registered on the "adjustment register" which is centrally available for all staff to access. This is reviewed half termly.

All adjustments must be as near to the compulsory school uniform as possible. For example, hoodies, bright colours, crocs are not permitted.

7. Support with Uniform - our preloved stock

As we have recently changed our uniform, our stock of pre-loved uniform is limited. As pupils outgrow their uniform parents are asked to consider donating good quality, used uniform to school. All uniform items will be laundered and made available for parents to access when needed.