



Princes Risborough School

Uniform Guidelines

WHY DO WE HAVE A SCHOOL UNIFORM?

- Wearing the Princes Risborough School uniform well shows that you are proud to be part of our learning community, and ready to learn successfully.
- Uniform is also a great leveller; no matter what your background, wealth or status, you belong at Princes Risborough School and can do well here. Students from disadvantaged backgrounds achieve better in schools with uniforms.
- Wearing a simple and modest uniform focuses young people on what's most important; developing intellect and character.
- Whilst these guidelines apply to students in Years 7 to 11, the principles of smart and modest presentation apply to students in our Sixth Form too.

COMPULSORY ITEMS

All students must wear the following:

- School blazer with embroidered school badge
- Plain Green PRS clip on tie
- Plain white shirt with top button, tucked in
- Black tights or black ankle-length socks
- Plain black school trousers or skirt (see below)



OPTIONS

Students may choose between wearing trousers or skirt.

- **Trousers:** must be full-length and straight or bootleg. Trousers must not be cropped or 'skinny' fit. Please note, legging and jeans are not acceptable.
- **Skirt:** From September 2023 Year 7s will have to wear the new PRS green and grey tartan school skirt. This is only available from our uniform stores. Other Year groups: the new PRS green and grey tartan school skirt. (only available from the School Uniform stores) **or** Plain black skirt no shorter than knee length – Straight or A-line straight skirt. No lycra skirts or similar materials are allowed and should be replaced with the new tartan skirt once worn out. The Tartan skirt will become compulsory uniform for all year 7 – 11 from September 2024.
- Students may also choose to wear the V-neck school jumper (with school logo) underneath their blazer, if they wish to do so.
- Students wishing to wear hijab should choose a plain black fabric and simple fastenings.

PROHIBITED

The following items are not permitted to be worn in school:

- Large, prominent belt buckles
- Knee-high or thigh-high socks/stockings
- Hats/caps/beanies
- Hoodies

PLEASE NOTE

Students presenting themselves inappropriately may be isolated or asked to go home and change before returning to school. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is presented appropriately at all times.



PE KIT

Compulsory items:

- Football/Hockey/Rugby Socks (Green/Black)
- School logo shorts or 'skort' (Black)
- School logo Sports polo-shirt (Green/Black)
- Trainers (non-marking soles)

Optional items:

- ¼ zip logo training top (Black)
- School logo Rugby shirt (Green/Black)
- School PE leggings or training trousers (Black)
- School logo rain jacket (Green/Black)

Certain activities within the school PE curriculum do require students to have with them their own safety equipment; this is often for their own safety but occasionally the safety of others.

Every child in all Year groups will be expected to attend appropriate lessons with:

- Football/Rugby boots
- Gum shield
- Shin pads
- Hair band/tie for long hair



Extra items of sportswear can also be purchased from Chiltern Sports in Stoke Mandeville, these include Btec Sport PE kit, Team training and Sports Leaders hoodies. These items can also be worn during PE lessons **but should not be worn in and around school**. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is well equipped and prepared for their PE lessons.

Additional Guidelines

Our school guidelines are designed to ensure that students focus on academic and personal growth at school, rather than appearances. In general students should present themselves in a natural, clean and neat fashion.

Jewellery

Students may choose to wear one plain stud in each ear (i.e. gold or silver in colour). For safety reasons, **no jewellery can be worn during PE lessons**. Students with other piercings must remove jewellery before coming to school. It is not permissible to miss school because of healing piercings.

Please note, students who refuse to remove piercings for any reason will be isolated in accordance with school policy, until such time as the jewellery is removed. Whilst we may from time to time offer students clear retainers, it is not the school's responsibility to ensure one is available, and nor is a healing piercing a valid excuse for refusing to remove jewellery.

Makeup

Students must not wear 'detectable' makeup (i.e. subtly covering a blemish is permitted; heavy layers of foundation, tan, lipstick and mascara are not). **False lashes/extensions are not permitted**. Students wearing excess makeup may be asked to remove it.

Nails

Nails should be short and clean. Clear or nude-coloured nail polish is permitted. Gel nails, bright colours/patterns and nails which extend beyond the fingertip are not permitted and must be removed before students attend school.

Hair

Hairstyles must be neat and clean. Hair colours should be natural and generally one colour. Extreme hairstyles such as shaved designs and undercuts are not permitted. Protective hairstyles are permitted but should be a natural colour. Large clips, and other hair accessories are not permitted.

Outerwear

Jackets and scarves may be worn to and from school, and outside. Hoods must be worn down on school property. Hoodies must not be worn at all.

Hygiene

Students should be clean and uniforms washed to maintain high standards of hygiene.

Need Support?

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and you require some financial support for uniform items, please get in touch with their Year Leader, or school reception on 01844 345496.

Medical Exemptions

We appreciate that in exceptional circumstances, students may require bespoke arrangements. However, these should be very rare and for a verifiable medical reason. If you think this applies to your child, please speak with their Head of Year or the Medical Officer and provide evidence of this need.

Uniform Suppliers

Our branded uniform can be purchased from Bucks Schoolwear Plus (Aylesbury) or PMG Retail (High Wycombe). Standard unbranded items can be purchased from numerous high street retailers.

<https://bucksschoolwearplus.co.uk/>

<https://www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk/>



Additional Guidance: Footwear

In order to ensure expectations are as clear as possible, below are some examples of footwear which is appropriate for school.

Please note, not all footwear advertised by retailers as 'school shoes' meet uniform requirements, so we suggest parents check this guidance carefully before making any purchases.

School shoes should be black and flat-soled. Boots, heeled shoes and trainers are not acceptable. Coloured appliques, logos, etc. are not permitted.

Please note, black leather or leather-look trainers such as 'Nike Air Force Ones' are not permitted.

Acceptable footwear



Inappropriate Footwear

