



Highworth Warneford School

Uniform and Appearance 2025/26

Integrity

Challenge

Excellence

We are delighted that so many of our parents/carers want to “buy into” the ethos and standards of Highworth Warneford School. We believe that the way students dress and appear is a simple way to demonstrate integrity and support for all that the school stands for. Please ensure that you help your child achieve excellence in this regard by sending them to school wearing the correct uniform and taking time to ensure that they adhere to the guidelines for other aspects of their appearance.

Whilst uniform is generally worn correctly by pupils, please be aware that I have instructed **all** my staff to apply this guidance rigorously.

Please ensure that you read this booklet carefully before buying any new uniform items and, if in doubt, contact your child’s form tutor in the first instance (current students) or contact the School Office (current Year 6 students).

The examples in this booklet should ensure that you are aware of what is acceptable and what is not. We expect our students to demonstrate excellence in everything that they do, say and in how they look. With your support, they can!

If, at any point, you experience a challenge with regard to supplying your child with the correct uniform, it is essential that you contact your child’s form tutor in the first instance. We will always endeavour to find a solution together.

NB. School staff have separate clear expectations for their workwear and appearance.

Mr M. Nye
Vice Principal

Highworth Warneford School Uniform 2025/26

School uniform is a simple and fair way of setting a high standard of appearance. Items have been chosen, as far as possible, to be easy to obtain and relatively inexpensive. Uniform and sports kit specific to Warneford can be bought or ordered online from our uniform provider:

Monkhouse Schoolwear Website: www.monkhouse.com Email: web@monkhouse.com

Address: 1B, Plaza 21, Sanford Street, Swindon SN1 1HE (01793) 520843 **THE SCHOOL HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT IF YOU WISH TO VISIT THE MONKHOUSE SCHOOLWEAR SHOP IN PERSON, YOU SHOULD MAKE CONTACT PRIOR TO YOUR VISIT TO BOOK AN APPOINTED TIME SLOT.**

Uniform available from Monkhouse Schoolwear only

Years 7, 8 & 9 Plain royal blue V neck crested knitted jumper (Code BCBV4837-ROY)

Years 10 & 11 Plain navy V neck crested knitted jumper (Code BCBV4837-NVY)

All years Navy stitch-down pleated school skirt (Code GPB-NVY)

Uniform available more widely

Black school trousers - *not* jeans, cords, leggings or denims and no buckles or zips on the leg of the trousers. Trousers should 'reach' a child's shoe and not be tight/figure-hugging. **See appendix for more guidance.**

Pupils may wear black tailored shorts. **See appendix for more guidance.**

Light blue long or short sleeve school shirt with a collar suitable for a tie

Black leather or synthetic shoes of a safe, and sensible style - not boots, trainers, shoes with a contrasting logo or canvas/suede shoes. **See appendix for more guidance.**

Dark coloured socks

Black/navy tights. Tights must have a 'foot'.

Uniform available from the School Office

House ties

PE and Games Kit from Monkhouse Schoolwear only

AKOA royal and amber reversible rugby shirt

AKOA royal and amber shorts or skort

AKOA royal and amber rugby socks

Highworth Warneford Falcon PE Polo (Code MGJ012)

Highworth Warneford Falcon Fleece Jogging Trousers (Code XQN001) (optional)

If required your child's initials can be printed onto the AKOA range; this can be arranged by Monkhouse Schoolwear for a small fee.

PE and Games Kit available widely

White socks; Football boots; Trainers; Shin pads; **Plain** black jogging trousers. (No logos or contrasting colours); Gum-shield (optional) Black 'skins' may be worn under the PE Polo shirt in cold weather –

Leggings are not acceptable

In 2026/27 school uniform policy in England will see changes under the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. As such, items in RED will likely be the 'branded' items we will continue to require all pupils to buy in the future.

Highworth Warneford School Appearance 2025/26

Uniform is only one part of ensuring that students are properly dressed for school. We also need them to follow some basic rules about the rest of their appearance.

Hair

Very short shaved hair is not allowed, and longer hair should be neat and tidy. If the 'back and sides' of hair is cut with clippers, it must be 'blended' with the rest of the haircut to avoid a distinct contrast.

No shaved lines or logos in hair or eyebrows are allowed and no 'extreme' hairstyles.

Hair colouring must only be with single natural colours.

Long hair must be tied back in PE and Design Technology lessons.

Facial hair should be trimmed and tidy.

The definition of 'extreme' rests with the Principal.

Jewellery

No jewellery may be worn except wristwatches and one plain stud earring in each ear lobe.

No other facial/head piercings (**including nose, eyebrow, septum or tongue piercings**) are allowed; neither are retainers to "hold piercings open".

There is no exception to this rule. If a child is permitted to have a piercing done that does not meet these rules, please make sure that this is timed in a way that does not need them to keep the piercing in during term time.

Pupils must be able to remove earrings for PE lessons. Pupils should not expect to be able to cover them in tape. The safety of all pupils participating in PE and sports must be the school's priority. (Additional guidance available on the PE page of the school website)

Students failing to take any unwanted adornment out may not be able to participate fully in lessons.

Make Up

Only limited discreet make up is permitted. Any student wearing excessive make up will be given make up remover to take it off.

Fake eyelashes are not permitted.

Coloured nail varnish/extensions/gels are not allowed and students wearing them will be asked to remove them.

Coat/Outdoor wear

Students should wear a 'proper' coat in cold and wet weather, but this must not take the form of a sweatshirt or a hooded top (hoodie).

Jackets made of sweatshirt/hoodie material with a zip are NOT acceptable as a coat.

All students should lower their coats hoods inside of the school buildings.

APPENDIX

SCHOOL SHOES

These need to be black leather or synthetic shoes of a safe, and sensible style (not boots, trainers, shoes with logos or canvas/suede shoes).

Please be aware that just because a manufacturer or a shop advertises a certain style of shoe as a “school shoe” this may still not be acceptable as many so called “school shoes” are trainers. We do allow black Nike Air Force 1s.

Below is a selection of the types of shoes that would be acceptable:



Below is a selection of the types of shoes that would not be acceptable:



Training shoe. It's not leather and has distinct logo

Canvas shoes are not allowed.

Logos are very distinct and is much more of a trainer

A boot.

What if...

My child has a medical condition or a doctor/medical practitioner advises him/her to wear trainers?

A letter written by the doctor must be provided and the parent/carer should telephone/email the Tutor

My child's shoes become broken, lost, left at another house, etc.

They should bring in a note from home with an explanation and pass this to their Tutor. Where possible, the correct shoes are to be worn the next day. If replacement shoes are required these should be purchased during next weekend at the latest, ready for the start of the new week. In all cases substitute shoes should be of a style as close as possible to a formal school shoe.

SCHOOL TROUSERS

The uniform rules state, “Black school trousers - *not* jeans, cords, leggings or denims and no buckles or zips on the leg of the trousers. Trousers should ‘reach’ a child’s shoe and not be tight/figure-hugging.”

Again, you should be aware that a number of manufacturers and shops advertise certain styles of trousers as being “school trousers”, when they are in fact not suitable.

Below is a selection of types of trousers that **would not** be acceptable:



Zips on trouser leg tight/figure hugging no buckles/not plain ‘reach a child’s shoe’

We do understand that finding an appropriate style for all body shapes can be difficult and we appreciate your support in doing so.

SCHOOL SHORTS

The uniform rules state, “Pupils may wear black tailored shorts in the summer months.”

Shorts must be plain black tailored school shorts. **They must be worn with black socks** and school shoes. The shorts must be formal ‘shorts’, as sold through Monkhouse Schoolwear or from traditional uniform supplier. They need to be ‘just above the knee’.



The following **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE**:

Sports shorts or anything with logos or patterns.

Cycling shorts or other tight fitting shorts.

Combat style, Chino or zip-off trousers

What if my child repeatedly defies the Uniform & Appearance policy of the school?

The school will sanction students who repeatedly fail to adhere to the policy. The school requires parents/carers to support the school in this matter.

Mr Nye

June 2025