



The Board of Management, The Staff, The Parents' Association and The Student Council of The King's Hospital School have agreed a Uniform Code, which sets a high standard in dress and personal appearance for our students. The whole community will endeavour to maintain these high standards as a neat and tidy appearance helps our students understand the importance of presentation and the impact this can have on self-esteem and self-confidence.

The King's Hospital and its students have a long and proud history of service and academic achievement. The community has a strong identity, which is respected locally and nationally. The proper wearing of the school uniform is the most public, visual statement of pride in our school, and of the standards which we expect of ourselves. When our students wear The King's Hospital school uniform they are not just representing themselves but also The King's Hospital school community. This is particularly the case when our students have been selected to represent the school in a sporting or extra-curricular activity. The full implementation of the Uniform Code reinforces a sense of pride among students in their school.

Teaching, learning and pupil achievement is at the core of everything we do. Our policies seek to support student development, and to minimise any misunderstanding which could lead to confrontation. The Uniform Code is central in promoting an appropriate atmosphere for our students to flourish in the right environment. The uniform is comfortable to wear and eliminates peer pressure to dress in a certain way; it supports inclusion and promotes positive behaviour and relationships among students. The uniform is symbolic of the high expectations we expect in all aspects of school life.

Parental Responsibility

Parents, House Parents, Guardians and Matrons are central to the successful implementation of the Uniform Code. It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to ensure their students have purchased the correct uniform, and that they arrive in school correctly dressed daily. They will be supported by House Teams and School Matrons in this regard. It is expected that parents will act on any communication from the school relating to breaches in the school Uniform Code.

Staff Responsibilities

Uniform checks will take place daily. The school staff will monitor the school uniform and will record breaches in the proper manner.

The Uniform Code exists to support school life. Breaches of the School Policy will be dealt with as follows.

Sanctions

First Offence – During the first three days of term, a teacher can give a verbal warning, followed by advice on how to rectify the Uniform Code breach. From day four onwards, all breaches will be recorded on the school management system, SIMS. Student will serve a lunchtime detention.

Second Offence – Deputy Principal will be informed, and the student will be placed in an after-school weekday detention. Deputy Principal will contact home.

Further breaches will be brought to a School Disciplinary Committee for further sanction. Should there be continued or ongoing non-compliance, the student will be reported to the Board of Management for their consideration

All staff must implement the Uniform Code fairly and consistently.

The wearing of the correct and complete uniform is a most important part of school discipline. All students must be in full uniform before they are admitted to class. A stock of freshly laundered uniform items is kept in school for students who arrive without the correct uniform, so as to enable those students to join their classes, correctly attired.

- 1) All students must travel to and from school in full uniform.
- 2) School jackets must be worn by students traveling to and from school. During the winter months, students are permitted to wear a heavier weight jacket, in navy or black only.
- 3) Formal school uniform or school tracksuits must be worn when travelling to matches.
- 4) Students may wear school branded clothing after classes finish for the day.
- 5) Students may wear the informal casual dress, as listed below, to tea and prep.
- 6) Boarders may wear neat casuals on Saturday and Sunday except for evening Chapel. The same applies to day students attending the Saturday programme or school events at the weekend.

School Uniform for Boys	Unacceptable breaches of the code
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Dark grey school trousers. ✓ Standard white boy's school shirt and tie – top button must be done up. ✓ Navy blue v-neck pullover with school crest. ✓ Plain standard black leather shoes or navy leather deck shoes only. ✓ School Blazer. ✓ Plain matching black or navy school socks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Light grey trousers. Skin tight trousers. Black trousers. ○ Top button open. Blue shirt. ○ Jumper too small. Torn jumper. ○ Boots. Canvas shoes. Runners. Two tone shoes. ○ Ankle/trainer socks.

School Uniform for Girls	Unacceptable breaches of the code
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School skirt must be worn on the knee. ✓ Girls' grey school trousers optional. ✓ Standard white girl's school shirt and tie – top button must be done up. ✓ Navy blue v-neck pullover with school crest. ✓ Plain standard flat black leather shoes or navy leather deck shoes only. ✓ School Blazer. ✓ Black or navy knee length socks or opaque tights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School skirt worn above the knee. ○ Top button open. Blue shirt. ○ Jumper too small or torn. ○ Boots. Canvas shoes. Runners. Two tone shoes. Slingbacks. Platform shoes greater than 5 cm. ○ Torn tights.

Sports Uniform for Boys	Sports Uniform for Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kori Rugby jersey. ✓ Rugby shorts. ✓ Hockey shorts (which will double as PE shorts). ✓ School Jacket. ✓ Mid layer. ✓ Hockey top (which will double as a PE top). ✓ Socks. ✓ Choice of tapered track pants or regular stadium pants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School Jacket. ✓ Mid layer. ✓ Hockey top (which will double as a PE top & Basketball training top). ✓ Skort. ✓ Hockey shorts (which will double as PE shorts and Basketball shorts). ✓ Socks. ✓ Choice of tapered track pants, regular stadium pants or leggings.

Representing the school – Sports and School workshops

- 1) Sports / informal school trips – Students must travel wearing the school jacket or mid layer with school track pants.
- 2) Formal School trips – Students must wear full uniform including the school jacket.
- 3) Workshops – For school workshops in the performing arts, students must wear a school sports top with school track bottoms.

THE ABOVE THREE RULES FORM PART OF OUR HEALTH AND SAFETY STRATEGY

AND ARE INCLUDED IN OUR RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR TRIPS.

- Students must wear the full sports uniform for all matches, training and PE classes.
- Full uniform must be worn at all times; students are expected to have shirts/blouses tucked in and buttoned up.
- The King's Hospital acknowledges, respects, and embraces our diverse student body. Therefore, we recognise that this diversity includes the hairstyles of all cultures and ethnicities such as natural afro hairstyles, braids and attachments. Nonetheless, all hairstyles must be worn in styles deemed appropriate for school, and all hair colours must be natural. Hair lengths must also be deemed appropriate for school. As an example, 'Skin fades' and 'Skin back and sides' are considered inappropriate. Any student who requires further direction about an appropriate hairstyle or length must consult the Deputy Principals before changing hairstyle.
- The wearing of headscarves, head coverings, caps, hats and durags are not permitted during the following school times: 8:30 am – 3:45 pm; boarders' tea and boarders' prep. However, they are permitted during social times.
- Students must be clean-shaven at all times.
- Exemptions may only be granted for religious commitments, and with the express consent of the School Chaplain.
- Nail varnish and make-up should not be worn at any time in school.
- The wearing of jewellery, apart from a wrist watch and/or small single stud earring in each lobe, is prohibited.
- Trainers/Canvas shoes of any kind are **NOT** acceptable as part of the school uniform; parents are advised to avoid purchasing shoes through Sports Shops/online Sports Outlets.
- Belts, if worn, should only be plain black.
- Trainer socks in any colour, are not permitted.
- All items of the school uniform are available to purchase from Uniformity.ie. We cannot advise that items purchased anywhere else will be in accordance with the Uniform Code.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT EVERY ITEM OF UNIFORM AND P.E. KIT IS MARKED WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME.

The school reserves the right in all cases to make a final judgement regarding acceptable standards of uniform and presentation.

EVENING UNIFORM

Uniform rules for students from tea-time to bed-time

Students can wear their school uniform, or they can wear the following agreed casual uniform. This is a compromise and a privilege. If the Uniform Code is breached by a student during teatime and bedtime, then the student involved will revert to the full school time uniform for a period of time. This will be noted in the uniform section of the duty book on a weekly basis.

Acceptable evening casual uniform:

- A school branded hoodie; a loose t-shirt of their choice; plain jeans or plain tracksuit bottoms - which must not be ripped; proper shoes, decks or runners.

Unacceptable evening uniform

- Flip-flops; slippers; Ugg-style boots or slippers; jeggings; skins; tight leggings or tops; hats