



King Edward's

W I T L E Y

Uniform Policy

General

School uniform is provided exclusively by Perry's. There are approved uniform and sportswear lists for pupils in all years from 1st Form to pre-Sixth. Clothes from other sources are not acceptable.

Pupils must ensure that their personal appearance reflects credit on the school. Uniform and Bridewell Dress must be worn smartly and appropriately at all times, on and off the School grounds:

- shirts buttoned up and tucked in
- ties knotted at the collar button
- skirts worn so that they touch the knee
- shoes must be:
 - o polishable
 - o polished
 - o made of leather or faux-leather
 - o black
 - o suitable for a formal environment. Trainers (even black trainers) are not permitted
- School blazer to be worn at all times (except under shirt-sleeve order)
- School uniform, standard issue jumpers only
- socks must be navy blue or black and either knee or ankle length. White socks are not appropriate as part of School uniform or Bridewell dress
- caps or hats should not be worn, and hoods should not be "up", indoors
- navy blue or black tights must be worn with skirts;
 - laddered tights should be replaced at the earliest opportunity
 - the requirement to wear tights is waived under "shirt sleeve order" (see below) and may be waived at the Deputy Head's discretion in hot weather
- at no time should sports shorts or cut-off jeans be worn in the Dining Hall. The arbiters of suitability will be the prefects and staff on duty.

Coats

Any outerwear should be navy, charcoal or black, plain-coloured and formal in style: overcoat, raincoat or similar. Short coats (padded jacket, bomber jacket, parka etc) are not appropriate, nor are prominent logos, fur-trimmed hoods. The garment should be mid-thigh or longer.

Jewellery and other adornment

No jewellery may be worn with uniform except for:

- a watch
- a simple gold or silver necklace worn under blouses or shirts
- a single unobtrusive gold or silver stud, no more than one per ear, may be worn, but no other piercings should be visible

Tattoos are inappropriate in a School context and must not be visible at any time. Make-up and nail varnish should be discreet so that it is not obviously visible. False nails and lashes are not appropriate.

Hair

Hair should be of a natural colour, smart, tidy, and appropriate to a school setting. Hair style must not prevent participation in, or be inappropriate for, normal school activities. Pastoral staff and, ultimately, the Deputy Head will be the arbiters of appropriateness.

All pupils must be clean-shaven.

Bridewell Dress

Clothing made from denim or corduroy is not acceptable.

Any jumper worn should be v-neck, plain-coloured.

Pupils in the Sixth Form should wear a smart, dark coloured business-style suit with a collared shirt or blouse. Tailored skirt or trouser suits are the expectation. Skirts must touch the knee and trousers must not be clingy (especially to the calf).

Tights must be plain black or navy; ankle- or knee-length socks should be worn. If shirt sleeve order is declared, the requirement for tights is waived.

Any item of clothing worn under a shirt or blouse should be white and without a motif.

Bridewell Dress or normal school uniform with jackets should be worn to formal Sunday Chapel services when indicated in the calendar.

Summer Uniform (“shirt sleeve order”)

Summer uniform may be worn when the Deputy Head announces shirt sleeve order, normally in the Summer Term.

Jackets need not be worn but, if a pupil chooses not to wear one, a pullover must not be worn instead. Jackets and pullovers should be left in Houses and may not be carried or tied around the waist.

School shirt sleeves may be either neatly rolled up above the elbow or buttoned down at the cuff.

Ankle- or knee-length socks should be worn. (Pupils may choose, but are not obliged, to wear tights).

Sanctions and remedies

Pupils who repeatedly fail to conform to these standards or to reasonable expectations of a smart appearance should expect a formal sanction. This will begin with a Deputy Head’s Review. Persistent infringements may be dealt with as “refusal to obey reasonable instructions” and therefore remedied through a more severe sanction. Inappropriate clothing may be confiscated, or pupils told to remove the offending article and replace it with one that is suitable.