

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

7 August 2020

Uniform

Dollar pupils will be expected to wear regulation school uniform with the exception being on days of the week when they have PE (or co-curricular sport). Blazers are an essential part of the Dollar school uniform but will be optional during the first 4 weeks of term, if you have any concerns regarding regular cleaning. If a blazer is not being worn pupils should wear a navy v-neck jumper or plain navy cardigan (girls) if the weather is fine and a Dollar tracksuit top, navy Dollar fleece or plain navy or black waterproof coat or jacket if required.

To avoid the potential congestion of changing rooms, pupils should wear Dollar PE kit to, during and from school on days when they have curricular or co-curricular PE or sport during the half term to October. All pupils in J1 – FII should have a Dollar Academy tracksuit which should be worn around school. Pupils in older year groups who do not own, or do not wish to purchase a tracksuit **must** wear plain navy or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings while travelling or during the school day. No pupil will be permitted to travel on the buses or move around the campus for lessons in just a skirt or shorts – they must wear plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings or school tracksuit bottoms with a Dollar white sport top and a navy v-neck sweater, Dollar fleece, tracksuit top, blazer or lightweight navy or black waterproof on top. Hoodies of any description are not permitted.

Every effort will be made to adapt PE activities to avoid pupils becoming overly wet, muddy or sweaty but an additional white or quilt top and trainers, together with a lightweight navy or black waterproof are advised. We have a new range of lightweight, coloured quilt tops, that will hopefully be in stock for the start of session, and these would make an ideal top for PE or afterwards.

Prep and Junior School

As for the senior school, with children wearing PE kit on PE days. Pupils should ensure they have waterproof tops and bottoms and suitable footwear eg wellies. An extra pair of trainers and socks would be advisable on PE day. Children in P1 – P3 will not be required to wear blazers or ties during the first four weeks of term (or until October if preferred) and for all other year groups blazers will be optional during this period.

Masks and face coverings:

These should not contain logos or slogans.

These guidelines are subject to change as more information becomes available.

Appearance

We realise that over the period of lockdown, pupils have had the opportunity to be a little more relaxed with their appearance. Parents and pupils should remind themselves of the school's expectations in this regard, as detailed in the Information for Pupils booklet, and which, for easy reference, are highlighted here:

'We have some clear rules about appearance, because this is an important aspect of our community. You should wear correct school uniform on all school occasions, with shirt tails tucked in, ties fully done up and top buttons fastened.

Whatever is worn under the shirt or blouse should not draw attention to itself; e.g. logos or designs on t-shirts should not be visible. Jewellery, make-up and coloured nail-varnish are not permitted. If you wish to have your ears pierced you should arrange this at a time in the year which will not require you to wear studs (covered or otherwise) to school. You may wear badges related only to school achievements. Hair should be clean and tidy, and all styles that are extreme or that draw undue attention to themselves should be avoided. Boys should be clean-shaven.

The rules on appearance are in operation at all times when uniform is being worn, and thus do not change after 3.25pm, at weekends, on school trips or during examination study leave.

If you are involved in an activity like skiing or a Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition, you will be advised by the member of staff in charge as to correct clothing. On the Sponsored Walk (next on 25 September 2020, To Be Confirmed) you will be required to wear appropriate clothing for your own health and safety. Pupils walking to school are advised to wear clothing with reflective and/or high visibility areas attached.'

Dollar Academy Thrift Shop

NB The Thrift Shop will be open again on 18 and 19 August 2020

The thrift shop will be operating an appointment system with minimal volunteers to ensure everyone's safety. Full details and a link to book appointments will be published at the beginning of next week.