

27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear parent/carer,

## Re: Uniform, Appearance and Equipment

At Queensbridge School we are proud of our standards of school uniform and equipment that are the result of a high degree of cooperation between parents/carers, pupils and the school. We are firm believers in a school uniform that is properly and consistently worn. We believe that this helps young people to develop a real pride in themselves and their school and to look smart helps them to think smart too. Uniform helps pupils to feel part of our community and makes the point that there is no discrimination. It sets a standard which supports our expectations of work and behaviour. We find it helps maintain the right environment for learning.

All pupils should wear their uniform both in school and when representing the school at events or on visits. When pupils are travelling to and from school, we expect that the same high uniform expectations are met with all pupils wearing the uniform with pride and role modelling our beliefs. In this respect we expect no less from our pupils than an employer would expect of their employees.

Your assistance is required to ensure that high standards are maintained at Queensbridge School. Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform and have the correct equipment at all times.

### Uniform Procedures

Each morning, tutors check the uniform of tutees and your child will be referred to the Head of Year if they are in incorrect uniform. The Head of Year will decide on how to proceed. These ways forward include but are not limited to:

- a. Phoning parents to ask them to bring the correct item of uniform into school.
- b. Asking for permission to send the pupil home to rectify their uniform.
- c. Providing a uniform loan.
- d. Correcting the appearance issue at the pastoral office before being allowed back into circulation.
- e. Issuing a temporary uniform pass to enable families a short period of time to rectify an incorrect item of uniform.

Pupils will be referred to their Head of Year for:

- Incorrect uniform (including but not limited to incorrect shoes, inappropriate trousers or skirt, incorrect PE or Dance Kit).
- Inappropriate makeup (including false nails that pose a safeguarding risk) or jewellery (that pose a safeguarding risk).
- An inappropriate piercing (that poses a safeguarding risk).

### Uniform Expectations

#### 1. Shoes

- We do appreciate that shoes can be an expensive item for parents to buy and we are therefore keen to ensure the correct version is purchased.
- Shoes should be black, in a formal plain style and be able to be polished.
- Trainers are not permitted in any material. Canvas shoes are also not permitted.
- Shoes with visible brand logos are not permitted.
- Below are examples of some styles of shoes the school deems unacceptable. This is not an exhaustive list.

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## 2. Skirts

- The navy-blue skirt should be of a standard length and appropriate for an academic environment.
- Fitted and/or Lycra skirts are not permitted.
- Black skirts are not permitted.
- Skirts should be no more than 5cm above the knee.

## 3. Trousers

- Trousers should be navy blue and a formal full-length.
- Trousers should be worn on the waist and appropriate for an academic environment.

## 4. Jumpers

- Jumpers should be navy-blue with a V-neck and the 'Q' logo.
- Pull over the head sweatshirts and pull over the head hoodies are not acceptable.

## 5. Polo shirts

- Polo shirts should be pale blue (long or short sleeve) with the 'Q' logo.
- Base layers are not permitted.

## 6. Appearance

- Hair and make-up should be of a natural colour.
- Nails should look natural and be of a safe length for all school activity (e.g. PE).
- Pupils with nails that pose a safeguarding risk will be sent to their Head of Year.

## 7. Jewellery and Mobile Phones

- Mobile phones and smart watches must not be seen anywhere on the school site. If seen, the device will be confiscated for parent/carer collection.
- Flat rings, stud earrings or small hoops that are flush to the ear are permitted providing they are safe for all school activity. In certain subjects, pupils will be asked to remove or cover jewellery (e.g. PE, DT and Food Technology).
- If your child is having a piercing, please ensure this takes place at the beginning of the summer holiday so that pupils are able to remove the piercings when they return to school.
- Nose studs are permitted but hoops in the nose are not.
- A small number of bracelets are permitted (no more than three on each arm) but these must be removed for any lessons where this would pose a safety risk.
- Caps, hats and sunglasses should not be worn in the school building.

## 8. PE and Dance Kit

For PE:

- Short-sleeved PE top with 'Q' logo.
- Dark blue tracksuit bottoms, shorts or skorts with 'Q' logo.
- Dark blue or white sports socks.
- Sports trainers suitable for PE activity.
- Slide-in shin pads and gumshield (for hockey).

Optional: long-sleeved PE top with 'Q' logo.

For Dance:

- Short-sleeved PE top with 'Q' logo.
- Dark blue tracksuit bottoms or leggings with 'Q' logo.
- Shorts and skorts are not permitted for Dance.

At Queensbridge School we are committed to ensuring that our uniform remains affordable for families and that uniform is never a barrier to pupils receiving an outstanding education. Our uniform policy has taken account of the law passed in parliament on 29th April 2021 and will be compliant with any statutory guidance released from government.

Queensbridge School welcomes the Government's recognition that the quality and longevity of garments should be considered alongside their cost. It is for this reason that we have limited garments as 'branded items'. Branded items of our uniform help to create a sense of belonging and identity. The following local uniform suppliers provide all branded items of uniform:  
Clive Mark Schoolwear, 38 Poplar Road, Kings Heath (0121 444 0606)  
Mansuri Stratford Road Store, 764 Stratford Rd, Birmingham B11 4BP (0121 778 2787)  
All other uniform items can be sourced for an affordable price from any school uniform stockist including Sainsbury's, ASDA, Tesco, Matalan and M&S.

Further information and suppliers details are available on the school website:

<https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

We trust the guidance in this letter makes things clear for everyone and we thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher