September Ready Uniform Guidance

Dear Plymstock School Parents/Carers and Students

We are fast approaching the summer break and so are sharing this information with you to support preparation for September.

Key information for September 2025

There are no significant changes to our uniform policy for September 2025-26. Adjustments have been made with cost and flexibility in mind. We would like to Provide you with some clarity about specific aspects of the uniform to ensure that all our Students meet the uniform expectations and to highlight any adjustments for September.

There is an adjustment affecting the school jumper where the intention is to provide an option for reducing the cost of this item.

Please be aware of the following elements for students when planning:

Trousers/Shorts All students can choose to wear school trousers. Tailored grey shorts can also be worn all year round.

Skirts When a skirt is worn, the Plymstock School pleated skirt is compulsory for students in Years 7-11. Skirts should be worn correctly (waist band showing) and the length should be no higher than just above the knee. The **skirt should not be altered or tailored to be intentionally shorter in length.**

Ties The Plymstock tie should be worn on a white shirt buttoned to the neck. Both **clip-on and full-length ties** are available for purchase. Full length ties must have a **minimum of 8 stripes** showing to match the clip-on tie. (You can choose which to purchase)

Jumpers A **plain navy v-neck** jumper **or a school navy v-neck** jumper with the school badge is optional and must be worn under the blazer and not instead of. No other item should be worn under the blazer and over the shirt. On days where blazers are not required to be worn the jumper should not be worn to replace the blazer.

Shoes Flat footwear, plain black leather or leather look. The following styles/materials are not permitted: canvas, **suede**, high heels, boots, pumps, open-toed or open-heeled shoes. Please be aware that some manufacturers label such shoes as 'school' shoes.

Jewellery Only one small stud in each ear is permitted. No other jewellery is permitted in the ears in the interest of health and safety for all students (ear stretchers, hoops, spikes, hanging piercings or a stud are not permitted for health and safety reasons).

School Bag A **rucksack**, designed to be worn on both shoulders to support weight-bearing, to carry stationery equipment, a drinks bottle, PE kit, mobile phone etc. Capacity should be to carry A4 size to contain schoolbooks and equipment/kit for the day. Any colour or style is permitted.

Outdoor Coat/Jacket These should be predominantly one colour but can be light or dark. The addition of a light option is linked to safety, particularly in the winter.

Nose piercings These are **not permitted** in school. If a student has a previously healed nose piercing, they can wear a small transparent retainer stud whilst they are in school.

Guidance - students wishing to obtain a new piercing need to consider that it can take up to **twelve weeks** to heal and therefore need to factor in this timeframe so that any additional piercing beyond the permitted one small stud in each ear can be removed when returning to school.

If a student wears any non-permitted jewellery they will be asked to remove it. If the student refuses, the matter will be dealt with according to the Culture and Expectations Policy.

Where students are wearing permitted studs, they must be removed for PE, sports, and physical activity (including use of the 3G pitches during breaks).

The school's uniform policy can be accessed via the school website: Uniform Policy 25-26

Support

A contribution to support the costs of uniform is available, where appropriate, particularly for pupils who are eligible for the Pupil Premium. These families will be contacted directly.

The school provides a subsidy towards the cost of the school skirt, information about this reduction will be sent under separate cover.

The School is launching a Facebook 'Plymstock Uniform Swap/Purchase Shop' from September 2025. This is to provide the opportunity for parents/carers to swap items at a reduced or no cost.

PE Kit: There is currently a 10% discount at KitWorld for online orders which is in place until June 30th (please see the flier below) or follow this link

The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, once it comes into force will make requirements of schools around branded items of school uniform. Our uniform policy for 2026-27 will reflect these requirements.

If you have any queries about anything, please do contact your child's Pastoral Team.

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