

These pages are an extract from the General Information booklet for Parents (**Senior School** version). The full booklet is available to view/download from the website under the "Current Parents" section, or alternatively as hard copy for the School Office.

## **D UNIFORM - Senior School**

### **D-1 An Overview**

Birkdale has a very good reputation for the appearance of its pupils. Uniform at Birkdale is intended to be distinctive, but of a straightforward design, with a careful balance being maintained between quality and economy. Uniform in the Sixth Form changes to reflect a more 'professional' tone. Clear guidance on uniform exists as shown below, and parents are encouraged to support the school by ensuring pupils at all levels have the right garments and that they wear them neatly. Pupils should be in uniform both on arrival and departure from school, and for all school activities (unless directed otherwise).

We hope that the descriptions below are clear, but if there is any doubt parents should seek guidance from the School. Your full co-operation in complying with this list will be greatly appreciated, as it is often the loose interpretations and "marginal" fashions which cause the greatest problems with overall appearance and tidiness.

- *Irregular uniform*: Where a pupil has an injury or for some reason is unable to wear their uniform in the normal way, they should present a note from parents explaining the situation.
- At the discretion of their Head of Section, a pupil may wear a tie which has been awarded as a *representative honour* in place of their school tie.
- *In hot weather*, permission may be granted by the Head Master to adopt summer uniform. Under these circumstances: jumpers must not be worn; jackets may be removed; ties must be worn; shirt sleeves may be rolled up neatly if jacket removed.

Hair should be neatly cut avoiding extremes. Heads of Section will advise pupils whether their hairstyle, or any proposed change, is acceptable. The Head of Section may choose to consult the Deputy Head, who shall ultimately be the judge of what is, and what is not, acceptable at Birkdale.

The spirit of the above also applies to other aspects of personal presentation.

### **D-2 The School Shop (including arrangement for payment of purchases)**

The School Shop is situated in the Oakholme Building at the Senior School. It is open Monday – Friday during term-time from 12.45 pm – 4.45 pm. During the summer holiday period there is some additional opening, details of which may be obtained from the shop. The direct telephone number of the shop is: 0114 229 6611. The following lists show in **bold** items which can only be purchased from this source. Those items in *italics* may be purchased from the School Shop or from elsewhere. We hope that this is helpful.

Purchases may either be charged to the parental billing account or paid for at the time of purchase. If the latter then please note that we are unable to accept payment by debit or credit card and that for security and insurance reasons we are unable to accept cash; ie payment at the time of purchase may only be by cheque.

**D-3 Sales of Second Hand Uniform**

Occasional sales of second hand uniform are held in aid of the School Charity. Dates are given in the School Calendar.

**D-4 Naming of items**

All pupils must have all their garments clearly marked with name tapes to reduce loss and discourage indiscriminate borrowing. Shoes should be marked with a name tape attached with a special adhesive or with a permanent marker.

## D-5 Lower and Middle School uniform

(ie Forms S1 to S5, Y7 to Y10)

- Items in bold** - are **only** obtainable from the School Shop  
*Items in italics* - *may be obtained from the School Shop*  
\* - the School Shop now only carries a limited range of sizes

### A Items for normal school wear:

- **School Blazer**
- **School Tie**
- *\*Shirt: white (long or short sleeved)*
- *\*Trousers: plain grey or black*
- Pullover (V-neck): plain grey or black (optional item)
- Socks: dark grey or black
- Shoes: plain black leather (not boots or trainers)
- Anorak or topcoat - which should be plain, and single colour

### B Other required items

- **Apron for Design Technology** (For all S1/S2, and pupils in S3-S5 taking this option)
- **Good News Bible**

### C Sportswear:

For all Sports:

- **School Tracksuit**
- Gym or training shoes (non-marking soles)
- Swimming trunks
- Towel (for use after PE, rugby/soccer and swimming)

For Rugby/Soccer

- **School Colours Shirt (reversible)**
- **Rugby Shorts, navy blue with draw-string waist**
- **School Colours Socks**
- Football/rugby boots

For PE and summer games:

- **White Polo Shirt with school crest**
- *Shorts, white*
- Socks, white

For Cricket: the items below are needed only by boys selected for school matches

- White sweater
- Long white trousers
- Cricket boots

## D-5 Sixth Form Uniform

Items in bold - are **only obtainable** from the School Shop

Items in italics - *may be obtained from the School Shop*

### BOYS

A Items for normal school wear:

- **Sixth Form Tie**
- Suit, dark navy or black
- Shirt, plain white or light blue
- Pullover, plain v-neck, grey, blue or black (optional item)
- Shoes plain black leather (not boots or trainers)

B Sportswear: As for Lower/Middle School Uniform

### GIRLS

A Items for normal school wear:

- \*Suit with skirt, dark navy or black. Jacket hem to fall below hips.
- Blouse, with collar and buttons down the front, plain white or light blue
- Jumper, plain, v-neck, grey, blue or black (optional item)
- Tights, plain navy blue, black or neutral
- Shoes, plain black or navy blue leather (no boots, trainers, stiletto heels or platform soles)
- (No tie is required for girls )

\* We ask that the skirt should be no shorter than 2.5 cm above the knee, and that the fabric should be of a cotton gabardine type rather than stretch jersey.

B Sportswear:

For all Sports:

- **School Tracksuit**
- Gym or training shoes (non-marking soles)

*Winter options:*

- **White Polo Shirt with school crest**
- Shorts or leggings (lycra cycling shorts are acceptable), black or navy blue
- Socks, navy blue

*Summer options:*

- As above and white socks