



Dear Parent/Carer,

Ahead of next month's Welcome Day, I wanted to let you know about an upcoming change to uniform which will affect all Year 7-11 girls from September 2023. Following a consultation with current parents and student representatives, the Governing body have made the decision to change the colour and style of the school skirt. The overwhelming preference was for a grey checked skirt. Students will now be able to choose between the grey checked skirt, trousers and a black pinafore. I recognise this is a change to the uniform outlined in the 'Moving on Up' booklet you will have received on allocation.

To clarify - from September, all students in Years 7 to 11 must wear:

- Black blazer with SWHS badge
- Long or short sleeve white shirt, must be tucked in and done up to the collar
- School tie with House colours- available from Student Services
- Black school trousers, grey checked skirt (South Wirral castle tartan) or black pinafore dress.
- Skirts must be knee length
- Plain black belt with plain, non-branded buckle
- Plain black, grey or white socks or tights
- Polishable black school shoes; either flat or with a heel not exceeding 5cm
- Sports trainers may only be worn for PE lessons or for games activities at lunchtime only
- Other footwear, including walking boots and plimsolls, are not allowed to be worn

The school PE kit is as follows:

- Black bottoms (in hot weather we would advise shorts)
- Red t-shirt (preferably with the school logo)
- trainers

Wirral Uniform Centre offer discounted bundles of many of the above items - these can be found on their website: <https://www.wirraluniforms.com/south-wirral>

We recognise that, for a number of reasons, your child may not always be able to meet our uniform expectations and in these instances, we have a stock of spare uniform and PE kit which we will lend on a short-term basis. If you are in any doubt about what is acceptable, please contact a member of the pastoral team before purchasing. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties and require support (for example if you have already purchased a black skirt and will struggle to replace it with the grey tartan) then please do not hesitate to contact our transition team on hello@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

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