



## Darland High School Uniform and Appearance policy

November 2023

At Darland we believe that a smart uniform is very important; it demonstrates the pride that students take in our school and themselves.

Please ensure you read the following policy carefully before buying items of clothing. Certain high street providers do market clothing items as 'School Wear', however these may not necessarily comply with the policy below. We would not want parents/carers to purchase items that are not suitable.

No extremes of appearance are acceptable –the school asks for the support of parents/carers in ensuring their children dress and present themselves correctly. Any student not in full uniform or whose appearance does not meet our standards may be sent home for a period of time for the issue to be amended. In case of unforeseen problems with uniform, parents should contact the appropriate Head of Year. In accepting a place at Darland High School, parents/carers agree to these rules.

School uniform can be purchased from RAM Leisure. This mail order supply solution gives parents/carers the ability to order uniform and PE Kit 24 hours a day online. Orders can also be placed by phone or post and a home delivery service as well as an easy returns system is offered.

### How to Order

RAM leisure are our suppliers of all other items of uniform and PE Kit. You can place your order with them online, by telephone or by visiting the shop on the Whitegate Industrial Estate in Wrexham.

Online:

[www.ourschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.ourschoolwear.co.uk) Phone:

01978 360360

### Uniform

- Bottle green blazer with school crest
- White school shirt with long or short sleeves (no fitted shirts)
- School tie with crest (from Sept 2022 - clip-on tie with year-specific coloured-stripe)
- Green Check Darland School skirt, worn knee length.or
- Black School Trousers that touch the top of the shoes - these should be

'BusinessWear'. We **do not allow** cropped trousers, skin-tight trousers, 'cigarette' style trousers, ski-pants, leggings, jeans, chinos, viscose stretch-type trouser, denim trousers or low-rise hipsters.

- Plain black or white ankle socks or plain tights - black or skin-coloured.
- Plain black flat shoes, no visible logos. Shoes should be polish able and leather orleather-like Trainers will not be permitted.

### Optional uniform items\*

Bottle green V neck pullover

\*Although the blazer, shirt and tie are the formal uniform, parents may like to purchase pullovers to be worn under the blazer as an option.

The School holds a limited stock of ties for students to purchase in an emergency, please ensure these are the correct colour for the year group.

### PE Kit

#### Indoor Kit

- Green Darland logo T-shirt
- Plain black shorts/skort/leggings\* or black Darland logo shorts/skort/leggings
- Trainers

#### Optional items

- ¼ zip training top
- Green long sleeve Darland top

#### Outdoor Kit

- Green Darland logo T-shirt or green long sleeve Darland top (football/rugby) or Darland ¼ zip training top
- Plain black shorts/skort/leggings\* or black Darland logo shorts/skort/leggings
- Trainers
- Football/Rugby – studded football boots and black knee length socks

*\* Plain black items only – no branded items, unless pupils choose the Darland logo items.*

From September 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 the following items will be permitted

- All shorts worn for PE (girls and boys) will be **black football-style loose shorts.**
- Charcoal Grey tailored\* Trousers
- Charcoal Grey tailored\* long Shorts
- Charcoal Grey tailored\* long Skorts (combination of a short and skirt) for examples please see links below
  - <https://www.next.co.uk/style/st255077/511341>
  - [https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-cotton-school-skort/p/clp60498330?color=GREY#intid=plpnav\\_swatch|pid\\_pg1pip1g4r1c1](https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-cotton-school-skort/p/clp60498330?color=GREY#intid=plpnav_swatch|pid_pg1pip1g4r1c1)

- <https://tuclighting.sainsburys.co.uk/product/tuc135288785>

\*by tailored we mean having a fixed firm-sewn waist band with a button, belt or zip fastening.

**Outdoor Coats** should fit **over the blazer** so that they can be worn to and from school in bad weather. Clothes that are not part of the official school uniform e.g. baseball caps, neck warmers, denim jackets, hooded tops, zipped hoodies, are not allowed to be worn in school.

**Jewellery** – students may only wear a watch and **one pair of small studs in the lower lobes** – no piercings in any other part of the body are allowed. The school will not be responsible for any injury caused by, or to, a body piercing. All jewellery brought into schools is at the student's own risk.

**Hair** should be natural colour. Hair styles must not be extreme; if you are in any doubt about your child's hair style, please check with a senior member of staff. Shaved eyebrows are not permitted.

**Make-up** is only allowed if it is very subtle and is applied minimally. Nails should be natural (no false nails) and where nail polish is applied, this should be clear.

From September 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 the following items will be removed/changed in the school uniform policy.

- Black Trousers – removed
- Darland skirt – removed
- PE shorts (girls and boys) must be **black football-style and loose** – amended

We hope above changes will give parents flexibility to source almost all the uniform from a range of high-street stores at a lower price.

### **Equality and Diversity**

The school is respectful of all faiths, cultures and specific needs. Where specific alterations are required, we shall work with parents/carers to accommodate those needs.

### **Financial Assistance**

The LEA operates a clothing scheme to help some families with the purchase of uniform. Application forms for a grant to help with the cost are available from Wrexham County Borough Council. The following URL can be used to access further information.

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/pupil-development-grant-pdg>