



Darland High School Uniform and Appearance policy

November 2025

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 or Pastoral Manager. In accepting a place at Darland High School, parents/carers agree to these rules.

School uniform can be purchased from RAM Leisure.

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 Phone:

01978 360360

Uniform

Year 7 (September 2025)

- Compulsory item - Bottle green V neck pullover with silver Darland logo.
The bottle green blazer with silver Darland logo is optional

Years 8 – 11 – (September 2025)

- Compulsory item – EITHER Bottle green V neck pullover with silver Darland logo
- OR The bottle green blazer with silver Darland logo (both available from RAM Leisure).

ALL YEAR GROUPS

- White school shirt with long or short sleeves (no fitted shirts)
- Clip on tie with year specific coloured stripe (available from RAM Leisure)
- Grey skort worn knee length

OR

- Grey trousers - these should be 'BusinessWear'. We **do not allow** cropped trousers, jeans, denim trousers or jogging trousers.

OR

- Grey tailored long shorts (*by tailored we mean having a fixed firm-sewn waist band with a button, belt or zip fastening.)
- Plain black or white ankle socks or plain tights – (black or skin-coloured)
- Plain black flat shoes, no visible logos. Shoes should be polishable and leather or leather-like Trainers will not be permitted.

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 -
- Shorts must be black football style and loose
- 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 - Shorts must be black football style and loose
- 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.*

Outdoor Coats should fit **over the blazer or jumper** 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, neckwarmers, denim jackets, hooded tops, zipped hoodies, are not allowed to be worn in school.

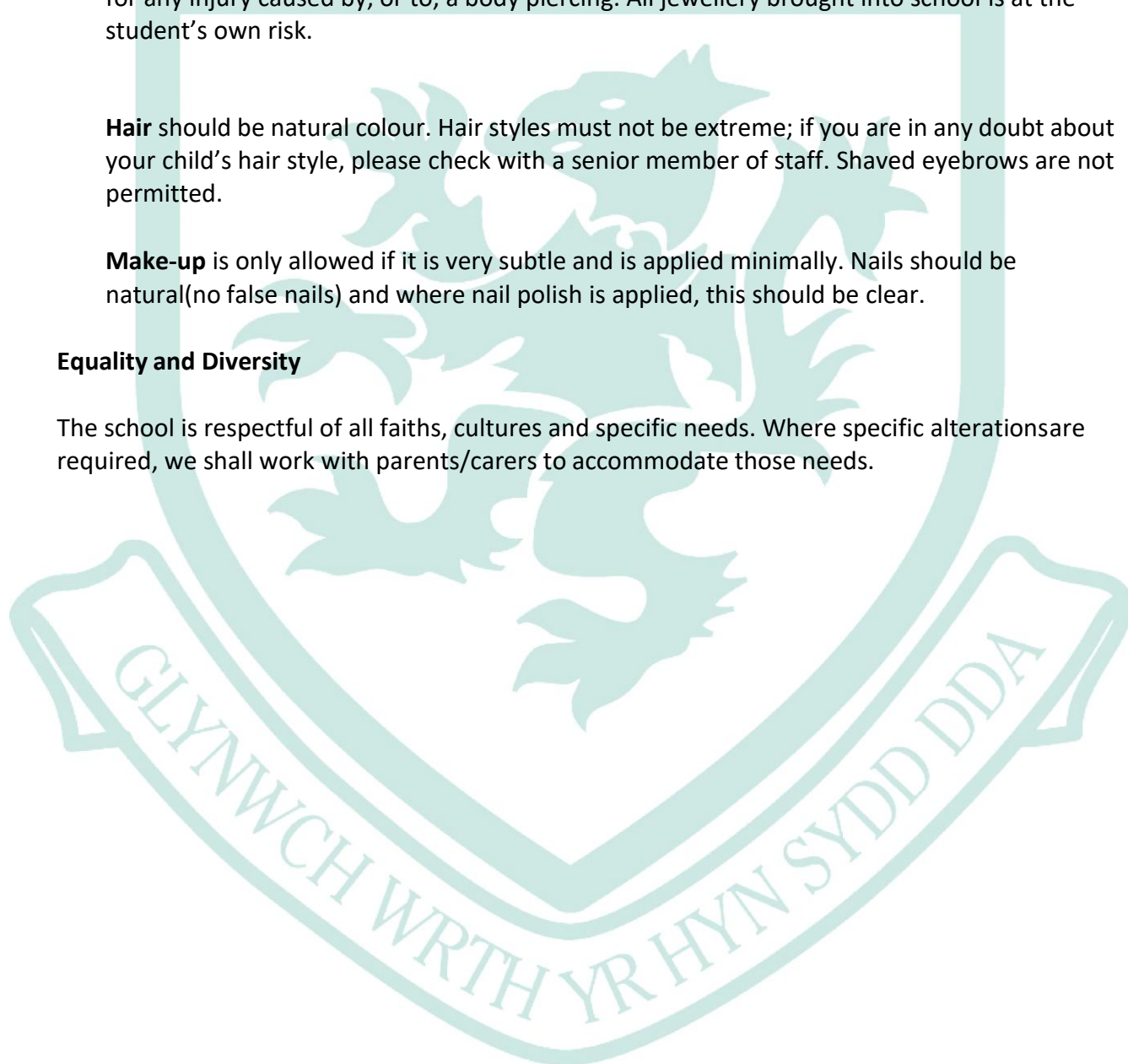
Jewellery – students may only wear a watch and **one pair of small studs in the lower lobes** – no piercings in any other part of the body are allowed. The school will not be responsible for any injury caused by, or to, a body piercing. All jewellery brought into school is at the student's own risk.

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.

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 Welsh Government's **School Essentials Grant** helps with the cost of your child's school uniform, equipment and devices if your family is on a low income.

How much is it?

- Children entering Year 7: £200
- Children in Reception to Year 11 (other years): £125

Who is eligible?

You can apply if:

- Your child attends school in Wrexham
- Your child is in Reception through Year 11 (or aged 4–15 in a special school, resource base or pupil referral unit)
- Your child is eligible for Free School Meals
- All looked-after children are eligible, even if they do not receive Free School Meals

Important: Children receiving free meals due to transitional protection are not eligible. Also, children in Reception–Year 6 receiving meals under the universal offer only are not eligible.

What can the grant be used for?

You can spend the grant on:

- School uniform
- Sports kit / uniform for clubs (e.g. Scouts, Guides)
- Equipment (bags, stationery, etc.)
- Specialist items (e.g. design & technology equipment)
- Equipment for trips/outdoor learning (e.g. waterproofs)
- Laptop or tablet device

How you will receive it

The grant will be paid by **BACS bank transfer** directly into your bank account.

How to apply

1. Apply online via **MyAccount** on the Wrexham website.
2. Go to the **School Essentials Grant** section and complete the application.
3. Make sure your Free School Meals eligibility is up to date if your circumstances changed.
4. After approval, you will receive the grant by BACS.

If you have questions, email: uniformgrant@wrexham.gov.uk

Visit - <https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-essentials-grant>