



UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT POLICY

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Principles

Wearing uniform identifies students as members of The Castle Rock School community, showing pride in the institution and creating a sense of belonging. It is our policy that all students should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for student's school uniform in this policy.

Aims

Our policy for student's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school, engenders a feeling of community and belonging, is practical and smart, identifies the students with the school, is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be), makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance, is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents, and has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform Costs

We strive to keep the cost of our school uniform to a minimum for parents. Of the compulsory uniform, only the school jumper / blazer and PE sports top is school-specific; all other items can be purchased from a variety of retail outlets. Arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items. The YMCA Charity Shop in Coalville also stocks some second-hand items. The school can provide advice and support to help parents on a low income through communication with Year Teams.

Supplier

Our uniform supplier is Schoolwear Solutions. They have been selected as our supplier for cost and quality of uniform. All items can be purchased from their website for home delivery: https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com or from their Nottingham based shop.

Compulsory Uniform

School Blazer

A green Castle Rock blazer should be worn at all times within the school, including to and from school.

A White Shirt

A plain, white shirt with a collar. This should be tucked in at all times.

Shoes

These should be plain black shoes or ankle boots and must **not** have:

- A coloured sole
- A colourful or eye-catching logo
- Coloured laces



Lanyard

ID cards must be worn on lanyards at all times.

Black School Trousers

These should be plain, smart black full-length trousers. Either straight leg or bootleg.

These should **not** be:

- Jeans/jeans style
- Leggings/jeggings
- Jogging bottoms
- Cropped or rolled up
- Skinny leg
- Combats

Pleated School Skirt

Plain grey or checked pleated knee length school skirts.

This should be worn with either:

- Tights Plain black or flesh colours or
- Socks Plain black over tights. Plain black or white ankle length socks are allowed without tights.

Optional Uniform

A waterproof outdoor coat - no hoodies, sweatshirts or denim

An optional plain grey knit V neck jumper can be worn under blazers but cannot be worn instead of a blazer.

Headwear:

- Plain black or white headscarf

PE Kit

Either all green or black and green t-shirt or midlayer sports top with the Castle Rock emblem, black shorts or tracksuit trousers, black socks and sports trainers.

If a headscarf is worn it must be elasticated without a pin.

Additional Uniform Information

Modest make up can be worn.

Discreet jewellery, appropriate for school, should be worn only.



Equipment

At The Castle Rock School we teach pupils they should be ready to work hard in lessons. This includes being fully equipped for lessons. At all times, students should have a pencil case containing at least:

- Pens (black & green)
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Highlighter
- Compass
- Protractor
- Scientific calculator

Equality and Discrimination

In formulating this uniform policy, we have considered our obligations not to discriminate unlawfully. As a school we will not apply a requirement, which, although applied equally to everyone, puts any child at a particular disadvantage because of their gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or belief or gender reassignment.

Non-Compliance

The Executive Principal, or a person authorised by the Executive Principal, will contact parents/carers should they send their student to school in breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform.