

21st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Important Update: Changes to Ashby School Uniform Policy

In alignment with updated Department for Education guidance and feedback from our parent and student community, I am writing to outline upcoming changes to our uniform policy, which will take effect over the next academic year. These changes are designed to ensure our uniform remains cost-effective and accessible while maintaining a smart, professional standard.

Branded Items (Effective September 2026)

To reduce the financial burden on families, we are limiting the number of required branded items. From September 2026, the only three branded items required will be:

- The school tie
- The grey jumper or blazer
- The PE top

Updates to Skirts and Shorts

- Formal Shorts: Effective from Monday 8th June 2026, students may choose to wear formal, tailored black shorts at any time during the academic year.
- New Skirt Policy: From September 2026, we are transitioning to black pleated skirts/skorts. Consequently, the current grey checked skirt will be phased out. To allow families time to adjust, we are implementing a phased transition. We expect all students to be in black pleated skirts or formal shorts by September 2027. If you need to replace your child's skirt before the end of this academic year, please purchase the new black pleated style which can be worn for the last half term if necessary.

Policy Adaptations (Effective September 2026)

We are also introducing the following adjustments:

- Jewellery: Students may wear up to two hooped and/or stud earrings per ear (hoops no larger than a finger-width). One nose stud is also permitted. Nose rings are not acceptable.
- Leggings: Black leggings may be worn under skirts as an alternative to tights. Please note that these must be plain black, must not be sports leggings and have no visible sports logos or branding. Leggings without skirts are not acceptable.

Financial support

If you have previously received financial support from us towards uniform costs, we will continue to support this for the branded items. Further information will be provided directly to you in due course.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring our students represent Ashby School with pride and maintain our high standards of dress.

Yours sincerely



Dr Mellor

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