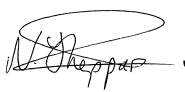




School Uniform Policy

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1. Aims and Principles

Carisbrooke College expects all students to present themselves in a neat, clean, and appropriate uniform every day. Wearing the College uniform promotes equality, fosters a sense of pride and belonging within the community, and ensures students are safely prepared for learning.

While wearing the Carisbrooke College uniform, students represent the school both on-site and in the local community. Expectations for respectful and responsible behaviour extend to journey times to and from school.

2. Standard School Uniform

All uniform items may be worn throughout the year (there are no separate summer and winter uniforms).

Item	Standard Specification
Blazer	Charcoal grey blazer with blue trim and the official College badge.
Shirt	Plain white, long or short-sleeved with a pointed collar (not rounded). Must be worn tucked in with the top button fastened.
Tie	Official school tie (clip-on ties for all year groups).
Trousers	Tailored plain black trousers (including flared tailored trousers) or tailored black shorts.
Skirt	Plain black pleated knee-length skirt.
Jumper (Optional)	Long-sleeved grey jumper featuring the College badge. <i>(No other jumpers or non-uniform sweatshirts are permitted).</i>
Shoes	Plain black shoes (must be completely black, without coloured soles, logos, or markings).
Socks / Tights	Plain black or plain white socks; plain black or neutral tights.
Outdoor Coat	A suitable outdoor coat. Hoodies, non-uniform sweatshirts, and cardigans are strictly prohibited on site.

In periods of extreme heat, the Headteacher may temporarily permit students to wear their PE kit to school instead of the standard school uniform. Any such arrangement will be communicated to parents/carers in advance and will apply only for the period specified by the Headteacher.

3. Physical Education (PE) Kit

Required PE Items

- **PE Top:** Official College sports top with school logo.
- **Bottoms:** Plain black shorts/skorts of an appropriate length, or plain black sports leggings / plain black tracksuit bottoms. (*Leggings must be plain black sport leggings, not thin fashion leggings*).
- **Socks:** Plain black long sport socks.

Optional PE Items

- Plain black fleece top with College logo.
- Plain black sweatshirt (without a hood or zip).
- Plain black rain jacket with College logo.

4. Appearance, Hair and Jewellery Standards

- **Hair:** Must be styled appropriately for a professional school environment and must not reflect extreme fashions (in either style or color).
- **Jewellery:** Permitted items are restricted to:
 - One watch (smartwatches are **not** permitted).
 - One plain ring (e.g., a signet ring).
 - One pair of discreet stud earrings.
 - *No other facial or body piercings are permitted on site.*
- **Makeup:**
 - **Years 7 and 8:** No makeup is permitted.
 - **Years 9, 10 and 11:** Must be discreet and natural looking.
- **Nails:** Nail varnish, false nails, acrylic/gel nails, and false eyelashes are **strictly prohibited**.

5. Required Equipment and Supplies

Parents and carers are expected to ensure students arrive every day equipped with an adequately sized school bag that contains:

1. **Pencil Case:** Containing at least 2 blue/black pens, 1 red pen, 2 pencils, a set of colouring pencils, a ruler, and a glue stick.
2. **Learning Materials:** Reading book and timetabled exercise books/planner.
3. **Daily Essentials:** Water bottle, lunch/snack, and a weather-appropriate coat.
4. **Subject-Specific Items:** PE kit (on timetabled PE days) and ingredients for Food Technology lessons (when required).
5. **Protective Equipment:** Protective clothing or safety gear required for specific practical subjects (e.g., shin pads/gum shields for PE, aprons for Art/Design and Technology).

6. Affordability, Second-Hand Provision and Equality Expectations

(In accordance with DfE Statutory Guidance and the Equality Act 2010)

A. Uniform Affordability

Carisbrooke College is committed to ensuring that school uniform costs remain reasonable, transparent, and manageable for all families.

- **Branded Items:** Branded, school-specific items are strictly minimised (restricted primarily to the blazer, tie, and PE top).

- **Generic Items:** High-street, unbranded alternatives (e.g., plain white shirts, black trousers, pleated skirts, black socks, sports leggings) are fully acceptable, ensuring families can source items at competitive price points.
- **Supplier Competitiveness:** The College regularly reviews supplier arrangements to ensure high quality and value for money.

B. Second-Hand Uniform Provision

To support sustainability and reduce financial barriers for families, the College operates a second-hand uniform scheme:

- **Availability:** Quality-checked, donated second-hand items (including blazers, ties, and PE kit) are available to families throughout the academic year.
- **Access and Enquiries:** Families can request second-hand uniform items confidentially by contacting the school main office or the pastoral team directly.
- **Donations:** The College warmly welcomes donations of clean, gently worn uniform items from departing or outgrown students at the school reception.

C. Equality and Reasonable Adjustments

Under the **Equality Act 2010**, the College ensures its uniform policy does not discriminate directly or indirectly against students based on protected characteristics, including sex, religion or belief, race, disability, or gender reassignment.

- **Religious Beliefs and Cultural Requirements:** Requests for reasonable adjustments to uniform standards for religious or cultural reasons (e.g., plain headscarves/hijabs, specific religious dress) will be supported sympathetically. Headscarves must be plain black or dark navy.
- **Medical and Special Educational Needs (SEND):** Reasonable adjustments will be made for students with medical conditions, sensory sensitivities, or physical disabilities that affect their ability to wear the standard uniform.
- **Financial Hardship:** Families experiencing acute financial hardship are encouraged to contact their child's Head of Year to discuss confidential support options or discretionary assistance.
- **Process for Requests:** Parents/carers seeking an accommodation or exemption should submit a written request to the Headteacher outlining the reason for the accommodation. Requests are considered individually and compassionately.

Official Supplier Details

Supplier		
Kids & Co	www.kidsandcodirect.co.uk	22 High Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 2HQ
The School Shop	www.iwuniform.co.uk	9 Union Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 2DU