

Uniform Policy

The Vyne Community School



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Rationale

The Vyne School's uniform is an important aspect of school life. The school takes huge pride in its high uniform standards. All pupils and parents at the Vyne School are entrusted with the responsibility to maintain these standards. The Vyne uniform is essential for the following reasons:

1. Improves school spirit
2. Promotes pride and self belonging
3. Reduces peer pressure
4. Levels socio-economic status
5. Gives student identification
6. Controls gangs / cliques
7. Teaches future career lessons
8. Allows intruder identification
9. Reduces bullying

We also believe that if students look smart, they will work smarter, so we maintain high standards of dress for high standards of achievement.

Whilst wearing The Vyne School uniform, students are representing the school in the local community. Any behaviour outside school, whilst wearing our school uniform, which brings the school's reputation into disrepute, may result in disciplinary action by the school.

The Vyne School Uniform

Girls - Acceptable:

- **Vyne navy blue pleated skirt with school logo. This is the only permitted skirt for students starting in Year 7 and those returning in Years 8 and 9 from September 2026.** Students in year groups 10 and 11 can choose to wear the official Vyne skirt or a plain black skirt which should be not tight or a tube skirt. Skirts worn by students in Years 7, 8 and 9 must have the Vyne Logo visible. All skirts should be of an appropriate length for a school environment and should be **no shorter than halfway between the knee and the top of the thigh.**
- **Black Formal Trousers** – straight leg/boot cut, not jeans, leggings or jersey type material;
- **White Shirt;**
- **Royal Blue & Silver Striped Tie (Dove in House Colour);**
- **Royal Blue Vyne School Jumper (Year 7-10); Navy Blue Vyne School Jumper (Year 11);**
- Shoes should be sensible black shoes which can take shoe polish;
- **Black Tailored Shorts** (all year round) available from Skoolkit amongst other suppliers;
- **Black tights** (not with additional socks over the top); and
- **Black or white socks.**



Not Acceptable:

- No jeans, trousers with rivets and labels
- No leggings, skinny or super skinny legged trousers
- Tight, elastic material skirts, skirts with splits
- No hoodies
- No boots. Trainers are not to be worn as school shoes (they are only permitted in PE lessons or extra curricular activities that require them)
- Fluffy socks

Boys Acceptable:

- **Black Formal Trousers**
- **White Shirt**
- **Royal Blue Vyne School Jumper (Year 7-10); Navy Blue Vyne School Jumper (Year 11)**
- Shoes should be sensible black shoes which can take shoe polish." (not boots or trainers)
- **Black Tailored Shorts** (all year round) available from Skoolkit amongst other suppliers
- **Black or white socks**

**Not Acceptable:**

- No jeans, trousers with rivets and labels
- No narrow legged chinos or skinny jeans
- No hoodies
- No boots. Trainers are not to be worn as school shoes (they are only permitted in PE lessons or extra curricular activities that require them)

Examples of trainers that are not acceptable:

PE Kit

Acceptable:

- **Royal Blue Polo Shirt** - Vyne Logo on Chest
- **Black PE Shorts**
- **Black Tracksuit** - plain with no large logos visible
- **Black leggings** - available from Skoolkit with the logo but generic leggings acceptable
- **White Football or Ankle Socks**
- **Training Shoes**
- **Football Boots (plastic studded boots only for the 3G Pitch)**
- **Shin pads** - strongly recommended for football
- **Gumshield** - strongly recommended for rugby



Not acceptable:

We have also updated our expectations regarding **PE shorts**. Whilst students should be comfortable and able to participate fully in physical activity, shorts should **not be excessively short or skin-tight**. They should be of an appropriate length for a school environment and should generally be **no shorter than halfway between the knee and the top of the thigh**. This expectation helps ensure that all students feel comfortable whilst maintaining appropriate standards of modesty and presentation.

- Cycling shorts and hot pant style shorts
- Non black shorts, trousers or leggings

Pupils Appearance

Acceptable:

- Students should not wear makeup which is obvious to the eye. Students will be asked to remove makeup if it is noticeable including false eyelashes. This is at the discretion of SLT;
- A maximum of two studs may be worn in each ear but no hoops, bars or other types of earring are permitted (these must be removed during PE/Dance lessons);
- Additional Jewellery is only acceptable where the religion dictates the symbols are worn, these should be under uniform, we ask parents to communicate to Year Leaders if this is the case;
- Years 7 to 9 are not permitted to wear any piercings beyond the earrings;

- Years 10 to 11 are permitted to wear a one small, discreet nose stud in one nostril, nose rings of any kind are not allowed. This is at the discretion of SLT;
- No other body piercings are allowed for all year groups;
- Students in Years 7 to 9 should have short, natural nails only without polish, gel or acrylic nails'
- Students in Years 10 and 11 may have neutral colours only. Students will be asked to remove noticeable (due to colour, shape or length) gel or acrylic nails. Nails must be an appropriate length to meet with PE/Dance and health and safety regulations. This is at the discretion of SLT'
- A watch may be worn - Smart watches are not permitted.
- Hijabs and Dourags if worn should be in conservative colours such as dark blue or black.

Not Acceptable:

- No wristbands, bracelets or necklaces or rings
- No smart watches
- No extreme hair styles, lines, patterns or patches of unnatural colour. Hair colour should not be extreme, it should be of natural colour (eg a colour which is possible for a person to grow without enhancement). Additional hair braids should be a natural hair colour.
- Hoodies and other clothing, which are not school uniform, can be confiscated if seen in the school building.

Warm weather uniform protocol

With an increasing need to be prepared for warmer weather, our standard uniform - with minor adaptations such as removing jumpers, ties and opting for school shorts (which are permitted all year round) - is designed to ensure students remain cool, comfortable, and ready to learn.

Where to buy uniform from?

The majority of the items can be purchased from normal retailers at low cost. A list of retailers in Basingstoke for generic items of Vyne clothing are below:

- Primark
- Marks & Spencer
- Next
- Tesco Clothing
- Sainsbury's Clothing
- Asda Clothing
- Matalan
- Clarks (footwear)
- Deichmann (footwear)

Items carrying the school badge are available from Skoolkit Ltd, 7 Church Street, Basingstoke, Tel: 01256 817284 in the town centre (basingstoke@skoolkit.co.uk). Orders can be placed online or in store.

Second Hand Uniform

School uniforms are available for pupils to borrow if they have forgotten or misplaced items of clothing until the situation can be resolved. This uniform is available from our student services facility.

If pupils borrow an item of uniform from our student services they will be required to hand in an item, such as a trainer or mobile phone, as a deposit. All deposits are safely and securely stored and returned at the end of the school day.

The Vyne School also offers a discounted service to purchase uniform which has been pre-loved. The second hand uniform is significantly cheaper than the 'bought from new alternative' should parents require. Our pre-loved uniform shop can be accessed online via the [Uniformd](#) website.

Cost of Uniform (following updated Guidance September 2026)

Government guidelines suggest that:

"From September 2026, secondary and primary schools should limit the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to 4 or fewer, if one is a tie. This limit applies to all items listed as compulsory in a school's uniform policy, including any clothing or bags required for general use, lessons, or school-facilitated activities."

At the Vyne School we comply with this guidance as the only branded equipment we insist upon is the Vyne School Jumper, the Vyne School Tie, the Vyne PE Polo Shirt and The Vyne School Skirt (only compulsory for Year 7, 8 and 9).



What factors have been considered to keep costs minimal?

At the Vyne School we ensure we take the following actions to ensure Vyne uniform costs are kept under control ensuring families do not feel excluded on the basis of financial status:

- Assess overall cost implications - identifying the impact of the uniform policy on families. Taking into consideration how quickly students in certain age groups grow out of particular items of clothing.
- Assess impact of variations of uniform - the Vyne School have a house system that they are proud of. Each pupil that joins the Vyne School is attributed to a house and this is recognised on the uniform by a different 'Dove' colour on their tie. This is the only item of clothing that is impacted by this.

- Avoiding frequent changes in uniform - any change in uniform should have minimal financial impact on parents.
- Engage with parents and pupils - when significant changes are made to the uniform and cost issues are being developed, pupils and parents will be encouraged to share their thoughts and opinions. This can be through the median of questionnaires, student forums, parent forums or individual meetings.
- Avoidance of additional uniform for extra-curricular activities - this may involve but is not limited to, extra-curricular activities such as sport, music or drama. This does not preclude the Vyne from having their standard PE Kit.
- Engage with Skoolkit - this is to ensure that Skoolkit continues to offer the best value for money with branded uniform.

Discrimination Consideration

The Vyne School maintains high standards in its stance on discrimination in any form. It aims to be as inclusive as possible whilst maintaining the integrity of the uniform policy. The school is able to designate different uniforms for boys and girls but it will ensure that the acceptable uniform for boys will not be significantly more expensive than the girls uniform or vice-versa.

Areas identified in recent reviews or to be reviewed the Vyne School:

- Girls are able to wear trousers.
- Boys and girls have the option to wear tailored shorts all year round.

If pupils' religious beliefs require them to adhere to a particular variation in uniform, they will be supported. This could manifest itself in:

- Carrying specific religious artefacts
- Not cutting their hair
- Dressing modestly
- Covering their head

The restriction of any religious beliefs related to uniform are warranted if the school believes there is a health and safety concern or a security consideration. This will be sensitively discussed with the pupil and pupils' parents.

Uniform Complaints Procedure

Disputes about the Vyne School uniform will be resolved locally. They will be pursued in accordance with the school's complaints procedure. Parents can lodge their complaints through their child's tutor, year leader or on our school enquiries email found on the website.

All complaints will be considered by the relevant member of staff and parents will be contacted to explain the resolution where appropriate.

- School Telephone : (01256) 473003
- School Fax : (01256) 816956
- School Email : enquiries@vyne.hants.sch.uk

Pupil Non Compliance

The Vyne School reserve the right to discipline pupils if they fail to comply with the Vyne School uniform policy as set out in the Department for Education guidance:

“Teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This should be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy.”

In the instance a pupil fails to comply with the Vyne School uniform policy the following disciplinary sanctions will occur:

- Pupils will be offered uniform from a stock we are able to provide in our student services.
- Pupils' parents will be contacted to see if the school can support in any way to ensure the child conforms to the uniform policy, including financially.
- If pupils still resist the uniform policy they could be asked to spend time in reflection or asked to go home and change (parental permission to be sought).
- If parents and pupils continue to resist the uniform policy, a meeting will be sought with the Headteacher to discuss how we can move forward in line with the uniform policy.
- If parents continue to resist the school uniform policy, they may be invited to attend a meeting with the school governors to discuss their reasons for not accepting the policy.

Reviewing of the policy

The Vyne School's uniform policy will be reviewed annually. The review will take place in the July of each year. There may be adjustments throughout the year, however the policy will be updated and stakeholders alerted.