



Kirkby High School



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Dear Parents/Carers

As we near the end of another successful year at Kirkby High School, I would like to bring you up to date with our end of term arrangements and to remind parents/carers of some important information for when your child returns in September.

Wednesday 19th July – End of term/non-uniform day (pupils finish at 12.30pm)

On Tuesday 18th July pupils will exchange their uniform cards, with no more than two signatures, for a sticker in their planner granting them permission to wear their own clothes. If pupils have PE on that day they need their normal full PE kit. It is therefore essential that your child brings their planner to school on Tuesday. **If your child doesn't have a sticker in their planner they will be expected to attend school in full school uniform.** Pupils who fail to wear full uniform and do not have permission to wear their own clothes, will be asked to return home and change. Please note that lessons will continue as normal on Wednesday therefore attendance is compulsory. Pupils can order a packed lunch if required.

Last year, in other schools locally, there was an issue with children bringing in shaving foam and even paint to throw over each other on the last day. This has ruined expensive items of clothing and caused considerable disruption in those schools. Please ensure your child is aware that we will be operating a zero tolerance policy on this type of behaviour. Furthermore, we will be searching students on the way into school towards the end of term and possession of these items will result in an immediate fixed term exclusion.

Aerosols: we have a number of students in school who suffer from severe asthma and for whom aerosol sprays of any description can trigger potentially life threatening attacks. It is for this reason that any product which causes a fine mist spray is banned in school. Please support us in keeping all students safe by ensuring that your child does not bring any such item into school.

School meal price increase from September 2017. Knowsley Council has increased the price of the meal of the day by 10p from £1.85 to £1.95. The price has been held for the last few years.

Drinks: From September 2017, in line with recent research into student's concentration and health, the only drinks allowed in school will be still water, still flavoured water or still fruit juice. In order to ensure this is the case, we will be checking student bags in some form sessions.

Tuesday 5th September 2017 – Pupils return to school

When we return on Tuesday 5th September 2016, pupils coming into **Year 7 will start the day at 8:40am**, pupils in **Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 will start the day at 9:40am**. From Wednesday 6th September all pupils will begin at 8:40am. The minimum expectation is that all pupils will be wearing full school uniform and compliant with all uniform and other school expectations, i.e. jewellery, mobile phones etc. Please refer to the list overleaf.

Wishing you a happy and restful summer.

Yours faithfully

Mr W Leyland
Headteacher

KEY DATES 2017/2018

INSET (school closed to pupils)	Monday 4 th September
Pupils return to school	Tuesday 5 th September
Half term	Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October
Break up for Xmas	Friday 22 nd December
INSET (school closed to pupils)	Monday 8 th January
Pupils return to school	Tuesday 9 th January
Half term	Monday 12 th February - Friday 16 th February
Break up for Easter	Thursday 29 th March
INSET (school closed to pupils)	Monday 16 th April
Pupils return to school	Tuesday 17 th April
Half term	Monday 28 th May - Friday 1 st June
Break up for summer holidays	Friday 20 th July

Uniform

- Black blazer with badge
- Girls: Grey skirt or slip worn to knee length or longer
- Boys: Grey trousers
- Girls: White blouse
- Boys: White shirt
- School tie (*must be tied at a sufficient length that shows the school badge beneath the knot*)
- Grey school badged cardigan or school badged V neck jumper
- Plain black socks
- Black flat heeled leather shoe (*kickers, patent leather shoes are fine but hybrid shoes sold as school shoes in the shops are not acceptable*)
- Outdoor coat must be plain black or navy
- A sensible bag large enough to carry homework folder



Uniform available to purchase from Kids Kirkby in Kirkby Town Centre or Laser Schoolwear on London Road.



PE Kit

- Black and purple school badged polo shirt
- Black school badged shorts
- Black school badged micro fleece or long sleeve school badged PE shirt
- Plain black socks (no football teams or logos)
- Training shoes (strictly no vans, converse, high tops or pumps)
- Optional - In colder weather: Base layers/under armour type tops are acceptable (in black only).
- Plain black tracksuit/leggings may be worn (Strictly no large logos or patterns, Plain Black).

Students are expected to bring a bag to school every day. As well as a bag, students will need: pencil case, pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, sharpener, calculator, coloured pencils, planner, uniform card and homework folder.

Not Acceptable in School:

Students with piercings will be expected to remove them so we recommend any new piercings are done at the start of the summer holiday so that they are sufficiently healed to allow their removal on return to school.

- **MOBILE PHONES/MP3 PLAYERS.** Mobile phones must be switched off and out of sight when students enter the school grounds. Students will not be allowed to use mobile phones during break and lunch times. If students have mobile phones/mp3 players/headphones out during school time the devices will be confiscated and not returned until parents/carers collect them. This is to support a more positive learning attitude around the school.
- No jewellery except a watch.
- No make-up/nail polish – students caught wearing these will be asked to remove them.
- No fashion/extreme hairstyles – hair should be of a “natural hair colour” without extreme highlights
- No haircuts shorter than a crop with a No2 setting
- No haircuts with patterns/lines shaved into it (including Mohican/mullet styles).
- No handbags
- No piercings – covering piercings with plasters is not permitted
- No hoodies of any description.

Are students allowed to “customise” their uniform?

It is important that all our students look and feel good about themselves, which is why we insist on high standards of dress and appearance. Our uniform helps students to achieve these high standards and we ask for your continued support in ensuring that our uniform is worn as intended. To help clarify some issues, here are some key points:

- **Skirts: Should be knee length or longer.**
 - **Girls wearing skirts with no tights. Skirts should be touching the top of the knee or longer when standing.**
 - **Girls wearing skirts with tights (80 denier or more). Skirts should be no shorter than three inches above the top of the knee when standing.**

We will, of course, be following up any breaches of the uniform policy in the normal way and if students persist in wearing skirts that are too short for school, parents will be contacted and students may be isolated until their uniform is appropriate.

- Tie: Should be worn at the length intended with the school logo clearly visible below the knot.
- Shirts: Should be tucked in at all times.
- Blazers: Should be worn at all times unless permission to remove them has been sought and given by the class teacher (or the Headteacher).

As with any part of our uniform policy, if pupils arrive at school with a uniform that does not meet the high standards we set out, they will be supported by being given (wherever possible) the correct uniform to wear.