



# Kirkby High School



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Dear Parents/Carers

As you know at Kirkby High School we pride ourselves on the high expectations we set for our students around behaviour and uniform.

The changes we have made over the past five years have had a positive impact on the way our students conduct themselves in school and more importantly on their attitude to learning.

On the back of this letter is a reminder of what the expectations are. Please read through them and discuss if necessary with your child. This will avoid them being challenged when coming into school and enable them to attend lessons ready to learn.

I would appreciate if you could pay special attention to the points around mobile phones, jewellery, piercings, make-up and skirts. Failure to follow these rules could result in your child being isolated and therefore missing valuable learning time.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that **defiance** will not be tolerated in Kirkby High School. Students who walk away from staff when challenged over their behaviour will be dealt with severely. In the first instance, this will result in a 90 minute headteacher's detention. Repeated incidents of defiance could then lead to a fixed term exclusion being issued.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining the high standards at Kirkby High School.

Yours faithfully

Mr W Leyland  
Headteacher

### **Not Acceptable in 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 false nails or false eyelashes - 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.
- No training shoes (plain black leather school shoes only). Except for P.E.

### **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.**