



Castlemilk High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to thank you for your continued support this session. We are very much looking forward to a great school year next session.

As part of the preparation for next year, we are looking to continue to lead the way in ensuring our young people are smartly dressed, ready to take on the school day and prepared for life after school. While the standard of our expected uniform has remained high over the past few years, we feel the time had come to 'upgrade' how we expect our pupils to dress. We will once again ensure we are a school that leads the way with promoting excellence with equity, self-esteem, equality, ambition and a 'Nothing but the Best Will Do' attitude.

The benefits of a school uniform are many and well documented. Here are just a few:

Inclusive – the uniform is non gender specific and can be worn by anyone.

Security - at a glance staff and pupils can easily identify anyone who is not part of the school community.

Pride, Respect and Appearance - willingly wearing a uniform with pride shows that our pupils are prepared and ready to buy into Castlemilk High School's Vision, Values and Aims and the positive ethos of the Castlemilk community as a whole.

Improved Learning - there is ample evidence to show that a consistently high standard of school uniform reduces distraction in the classroom, sharpens pupil focus and creates a more serious learning environment that allows pupils to perform better academically.

Peer-Pressure - the pressure to be the 'best dressed' and wear the latest expensive designer clothes to school is completely removed. The uniform has been carefully selected so that there should be no financial barrier to any pupil accessing the uniform. Where genuine hardship exists the school will do its best to help support those families identified.



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All pupils will be expected to wear the following uniform from **August 2023**:

- Formal black leather school shoes or plain black 'trainers' with no coloured badges, logos, laces or soles (black socks/tights)
- Formal white school shirt with collar (no blouses, polo shirts, T shirts)
- Plain black school trousers or skirt of appropriate length (no jeans, leggings, jogging bottoms, shorts etc.)
- Plain black jumper with no coloured logos (no hoodies) in colder weather
- Plain black blazer with school badge and red tie for all **S1-S4** pupils
- Black blazer with bright blue braiding/school badge and blue tie for all **S5/6** pupils.

Castlemilk High School will consider carefully reasonable requests to vary the policy, in particular to meet the needs of any individual pupil to accommodate their religion or belief, ethnicity, disability or other protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010.

A copy of the full policy can be found at:

www.castlemilkhgh.glasgow.sch.uk

The school uses the services of an experienced uniform supplier who provides a full brochure and professional individual sizing service. All chosen products can be ordered on-line with free 'click & collect' at the school office [LINK TO LOGO EXPRESS](#). Blazers can also be purchased from any alternative store (for example ASDA, Tesco, M & S). School blazer badges (£7.50) and ties (£6.25) can be purchased from the school office.

School uniform grants are available through:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/17885/Clothing-Grants-and-Free-School-Meals>

Please contact the school on 0141 582 0050 and ask to speak to our Family Link Workers (Kelly, Brooke or Louise) who can support with the application process. Uniform grants for next session are £150.

If you require any further information regarding the uniform policy or are experiencing any difficulty, please contact your child's pastoral care teacher in the first instance.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Lynn Gibson



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