



# UNIFORM POLICY & HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

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# Expectations and Uniform Policy

At Kingsthorpe College, we are committed to raising standards of achievement and ensuring that every child will achieve their full potential and strive for excellence.

We value all members of our community as individual people with differing needs and abilities.

## **We work hard to make sure that:**

- All students matter and can grow in confidence as learners and as people.
- Every student gets exciting opportunities to learn.
- All students are responsible for their learning.
- Students understand that they work best when they work together.
- All in our community treat each other with mutual understanding and respect.
- The College is a safe, secure and happy environment of which we are all proud.
- We create an inclusive, aspirational environment where our students can thrive.

## **What your child needs you to do:**

Ensure they are on the school site by **8.30 am** daily. Lessons start promptly and late arrivals disrupt learning. Students who arrive after 8.40 am will receive a detention to be completed on the same day.

Students should attend every day and only take time off for illness and emergencies. **Holidays are not authorised during term time.** A one week annual holiday and several days' illness will result in an attendance rate of less than 90%. Attendance below 90% is known as persistent absence and could lead to serious consequences. Our school attendance target is 96%.

## **Successful learners will display the following characteristics:-**

- School uniform is worn correctly every day.
- Properly equipped for every lesson with excellent time keeping skills.
- Have high expectations of themselves and strive to be the best they can be.
- Prepared to work independently to practise and develop their skills and understanding.
- Be accountable for their actions at all times.

We would ask that parents/carers inform us of any change in personal circumstances such as:

- Telephone Number Home / Mobile /Email.
- Address.
- Medical conditions.
- Emergency contact information.

## **Student Dress Code**

The Kingsthorpe College uniform plays an important part in contributing to the ethos and values of the College. The wearing of the uniform allows students to identify with the College and demonstrates students' pride in being a student at Kingsthorpe - both in College and in the community.

We expect high standards of dress and appearance to promote a strong sense of community, professionalism and a shared purpose. Our uniform is designed to be practical, smart, professional, yet affordable.

In addition, we are a place of work with risks and hazards. Movement around the school can become congested and involves the regular use of stairs. Students also learn through practical activity during timetabled lessons and as such, it is important that students are dressed safely.

Any student who presents in an unacceptable manner will be isolated until the uniform issue has been resolved. Parents are advised to consult with the school before students choose to have their hair cut or wear clothes in seasonal fashion styles.

Uniform is available from: The Schoolwear Shop Ltd, 40 - 42 Abington Square, Northampton NN1 4AA. Tel: 01604 635828

## Main College Uniform

Black blazer with KC badge

KC clip on tie

Plain white collared shirt – buttoned to the collar (worn tucked in)

Plain black pullover or cardigan (optional)

## Trousers

Acceptable	Not-acceptable
Plain black tailored trousers - with a crease down the centre leg.	Jeans style trousers (pockets in the same position and style as denim jeans). Leggings. Hipsters. Tracksuit bottoms. Tight skinny legged trousers.



## Skirts

Acceptable	Not-acceptable
Plain black knee length skirt. Plain black opaque tights.	Stretch fabric skirts. Skirts above the knee.

## Shoes

Acceptable	Not-acceptable
Plain black leather or leather-type flat soled shoes. 	Trainers, including plain black leather trainers. Do not purchase trainer brands – Lacoste, Lonsdale, Adidas, Nike, Vans, Reebok. Pumps 'Ugg' style fur boots. Ballet pump style 'dolly' shoes. 

## Outer-wear

Acceptable	Not-acceptable
Plain and dark colour coats.  Plain and dark woolly hats with no logos may be worn in winter but removed in the building.	Tracksuit tops. Hoodies. Baseball caps.  

## Physical Education and Dance Kit

Sportswear  <i>Polo shirts, shorts &amp; tracksuit bottoms can be with or without the College logo. They must be plain black with no large logos.</i>
Black College shorts. Black College sweatshirt. Black/gold College rugby shirt. Black College polo shirt. Trainers. White sports socks or College black/gold socks. Football boots. Shin pads. Black College tracksuit bottoms. (optional) A towel.  Dance Instead of the rugby or polo shirt a black KC dance t-shirt may be worn. Black College shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Leggings may be worn under the black college shorts.
Students are expected to change for PE and Dance in the PE changing rooms. Students must wear College uniform on the way into College and leaving College.

## Jewellery and Make-up

The wearing of make-up for College is inappropriate and not encouraged. If worn, make-up must be minimal and subtle (no bright colours). Nail varnish, if worn, must be natural or pale in colour. The wearing of jewellery, other than a watch and plain stud earrings, is not allowed.

The wearing of earrings for College is not encouraged, however where students have pierced ears, a plain stud (without stones) only may be worn – no more than one in either ear lobe. This pair of studs must be removed for PE/Games for health and safety reasons.

If students have piercings requiring them to wear additional jewellery - such as nose studs, extra ear studs, eyebrow studs, tongue studs etc. - they will be told to remove them during the College day even if this means the piercing will close up. If worn for religious reasons, a request should be made in writing to the Headteacher and each case will be considered on an individual basis.

No aerosols are allowed in school. Personal hygiene products must be non-flammable.

## Hair

We do not permit extreme haircuts at Kingsthorpe College for health & safety reasons and because they can serve as a distraction to other children. Kingsthorpe College students should have hair of a natural colour. Clipped hair must be no shorter than a number two grade. Hair shaved in patterns or into a Mohawk style are not permitted. Long hair must be tied up for sports/creative arts subjects. Hair accessories should be discreet and black, white, red or grey in colour. If a hijab is worn, it must be plain black in colour and design. In summer, a plain white hijab may be worn.

## Essential Equipment

A strong waterproof bag is required to keep a student's possessions safe and clean. It will need to be big enough to carry all work books and materials for each day. Only rucksacks, satchels, despatch type bags and large tote bags are allowed. Bags must not have large buckles or protruding metal features.

Handbags or shoulder bags are not allowed. Girls may carry an additional small clutch type bag within the main school bag for personal accessories.



## Adherence

Students are expected to wear full College uniform at all times and abide by the rules. Full College uniform must be worn to and from College. Whilst wearing the Kingsthorpe College uniform, students are representing the College in the local community. Any behaviour out of College which falls short of our expectations whilst wearing our uniform and which brings the College's reputation into disrepute may result in disciplinary action by the College.

Students must have a parental note if they are, temporarily, not able to wear an item of uniform. They should report, with this note, to their Year Office where a temporary uniform exemption form will be issued. The student should be back in full uniform as soon as possible if a replacement item is needed to rectify the problem.

If a student deliberately fails to wear the full College uniform or the student contravenes hair or jewellery expectations, they will be removed from lessons and recreation time until the non-uniform item is rectified. Parents and carers will be notified.

## Other Essential Equipment

Students will need a pencil case with at least two pens, two pencils, a rubber, and a pencil sharpener. A ruler is essential and a set of coloured pencils is also useful. A calculator for maths and science is also required.

## Mobile Phone

The College understands and recognises that there may be particular circumstances in which a parent wishes their child to have a mobile phone for their journey to and from school. If you feel that your child does need to bring their phone into school, it should be switched off and stored securely in their bag - not placed on silent - and stored out of sight in the student's bag immediately before the student arrives at the school gate. They must remain turned off and out of sight until the student has left the school site at the end of the day.

Where a parent needs to contact their child during the school day, they should do so only through the College's telephone system (via Reception) and not via student mobile phones. Emergency contact from students to parents/carers during the school day can be made either through a request to their tutor, via Reception or the Year Team offices at break and/or lunch. Where arrangements have changed for a visit or planned event, the organising member of staff will liaise with Reception to ensure parents/carers are contacted.

## **Kingsthorpe College reopening: Home-school agreement**



**From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020, students will arrive on site and they will be taught in their own year group bubbles. We, as a College are committed to provide your child and family with support, in relation to their wellbeing, should you need any further guidance, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's year team.**

**Kingsthorpe College continues to make significant digital literacy gains to ensure that your child receives the best education that Kingsthorpe College can provide remotely should the College need to close quickly due to 2 confirmed COVID cases or Northampton goes into lockdown.**

### **Our school**

Our approach to teaching during this time is to:

- KS3 students will be studying English, Maths, Science, MFL, Performing Art, PE, Visual Arts, World Studies and PSHE.
- KS4 students will be continuing with their option subjects and their core subjects. They will also be taught PSHE once a fortnight.
- All students will be taught on site – unless there have been changes as stated above.
- For the first two weeks of the academic year, students will be taught a specific recovery curriculum which will be delivered by their tutors during period 1. Students will also have the opportunity to 'check out' with their tutors at the end of the day – this is part of the enhanced pastoral support that they will receive.

For any of your children who are coming into school, on a full-time basis, we will do our best to:

- Provide an environment that has been risk assessed and considered safe for reopening.
- Adhere to the social distancing guidelines as set out by the government, as much as we reasonably can.
- Support your child's wellbeing, such as by giving them someone to talk to if they feel anxious or overwhelmed.
- Contact you if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 so they can be taken home and allowed to self-isolate.
- Inform you if staff or children in your child's 'bubble' show symptoms of COVID-19, and help the NHS test and trace system get in touch with you if they test positive and the rest of the 'bubble' needs to self-isolate.
- Enhance our hygiene measures, including more frequent cleaning and hand washing.
- Provide meals, including free school meals for eligible pupils.

- Communicate between home and school through the use of MyEd, letters, social media platforms and the College website.

For any of your children who are at home, on full-time basis, we will do our best to:

- Provide remote learning that allows your child to access as much of the curriculum as possible.
  - Make alternative arrangements if your child can't access remote learning.
  - Support your child's wellbeing, by allowing them to talk with their friends and school staff regularly, when possible.
  - Provide free school meals to eligible pupils through the College's catering system on a daily basis.
  - Keep in touch about developments in school through MyEd, letters, social media platforms and the College website.
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### **Parents/carers**

If my child is coming into school, on a full-time basis, I understand and agree that:

- I need to monitor if my child or anyone in our household has symptoms of COVID-19 (i.e. a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell/taste).
- If my child or anyone in our household shows symptoms of COVID-19, I will not send them to school and we will self-isolate for the appropriate length of time.
- If my child shows symptoms of COVID-19, I will arrange for them to be tested and, if they test positive, work with the NHS test and trace system to notify anyone who's recently been in close contact with them, including at school.
- If my child shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, I will collect my child as soon as possible.
- I will do my best to avoid public transport in peak hours when taking my child to and from school and will wear face coverings where appropriate. (unless my child is aged 3 and under). They will also have a face covering to wear in communal areas such as our corridors. I will provide them with a plastic bag to place the face mask in, as required.
- When dropping off and picking up, I will stick to the timings for my child, use the designated entrance and adhere to the social distancing rules set out by the government.
- I will not enter the school building without a prearranged appointment and I will leave the school immediately after drop off and pick up.
- I will provide my child with a water bottle, which will be filled daily before arriving to school.
- My child will not bring any other items into school.
- I will remind my child about good hygiene practices, such as: regularly washing their hands thoroughly; avoiding touching their eyes, nose or mouth; and

coughing or sneezing into their elbow or a tissue and disposing immediately of any used tissues.

- I will support the school's procedures in ensuring a safe environment.
- My child may be refused a place at school, if I do not adhere to the terms above.

If my child is staying at home, I understand and agree that:

- I will do my best to support my child to complete any remote learning work set for them, and get in touch with the school if this won't be possible for any reason
- I may be contacted by the school if my child fails to complete the work set for them.

**I agree and will adhere to the home school learning agreement which has been set out in the guidance above. I understand the expectation and role that I have as a parent/carer.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_