

22nd June 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that you and your family are keeping safe in these unprecedented times.

This week's letter will be focused on School uniform and equipment. Further details can be found on the school website - <http://www.severnvaeschool.com/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=39>

Uniform

Our high expectations and values for students, in all aspects of their education, are certainly extended to their uniform. We consider all students wearing the uniform, as ambassadors for the school. Severn Vale School has a set uniform which must be worn by all students.

- A school blazer and school tie.
- Plain white work-style shirt– long or short-sleeved.
- Either tailored black trousers, or the school skirt (only the skirt approved by the school and provided by our uniform supplier). Trousers should be plain black and tailored. No “fashion” extremes will be tolerated (tight, stretchy, low rise, chinos, jeans, drainpipe, Miss Sixty, linen, leggings or cropped).
- Plain black shoes. No canvas shoes, trainers or trainer style shoes. Please note the school's decision on what constitutes a shoe is final. If in doubt, please check with the school before purchasing any new shoes.
- A v-necked jumper can be purchased from our uniform suppliers. This is optional and can be worn under the blazer, but not instead of a blazer.
- Plain black socks. Tights should be plain black and not patterned.
- During cold/wet weather, students are encouraged to wear an outside, waterproof coat for the journey to and from school and during break time and lunchtime. Please note that denim / leather jackets and hoodies are NOT permitted.

There are also clear expectations for Hair, Make up and Nails which can be found on the school website following the link above.

Our behavior policy is used to maintain our high expectations with regards to uniform – details of which can be found on the school website. Special dispensation can be granted due to medical needs – however this must be supported by an appropriate medical note.

If your child currently receives free school meals they may be eligible for a school uniform grant – an application form for the grant is available on the school website using the link above.

As my previous correspondence, we have been notified by Monkhouse Schoolwear that their shop in Northgate Street is due to re-open on 29th June. We are aware of some initial problems booking slots to buy uniform with Monkhouse. However, they have confirmed that this issue with the booking system has now been rectified.

Friends of Severn Vale have stocks of second hand uniform. This will be made to make this available to purchase once regulations allow it to be done so safely.

School Bag

Every student should have a school bag in which books and equipment can be carried. Small, clutch hand bags are not suitable for school use.

Equipment

Things I need to bring every day

- Pencil Case
- Two black or blue pens
- Two sharp pencils
- Ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator
- Protractor
- Set of coloured pencils
- Reading book (either from home or from the LRC at school)
- Exercise books for the day
- All homework due
- Water bottle - reusable

Some days students will need extra equipment/kit. This will depend on the lessons they have each day. They need to check their timetable and work out the additional equipment you need each day.

I would like to draw your attention to the dedicated transition email address transitions@severnvaeschool.com which you can use to ask any questions you may have. All questions will be collated and we will publish answers to FAQ on the school website.

I would like to thank those parents who have already completed and returned the Year 7 Data Booklets. If you haven't yet done this, please can I gently remind you to return completed forms as soon as possible. I thank you in advance for this.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming your child to Severn Vale School and to working with you over the next five years.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Brown - Assistant Head (KS3)