



# **Bowden House School & Bowden Primary Schools**

## **School Uniform Policy**

Bowden House School (secondary) and Bowden Primary School are special schools believe that a consistent school uniform policy is vital in promoting the ethos of the schools and provides a sense of belonging and identity for all pupils/students regardless of their protected characteristics and/or socio-economic circumstances.

This policy lays out the measures the schools take to ensure that the uniform provided is consistent, fair and inclusive and reflects the needs of all pupils/students.

Both schools believe that pupils/students learn more effectively and achieve their best outcomes when they are comfortable, able to themselves and dressed in such a way that sets an appropriate tone for learning.

**All items of school uniform are provided by both schools and funded by the placing authorities as part of the school fee structure. Parents/carers are not expected to contribute to the provision or financing of school uniform apart from footwear – black shoes or black trainers.**

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- establishing, in consultation with members of the SLT and pupils/students, a school uniform that is practical and smart whilst reflecting the schools' vision and values
- enforcing the wearing of the schools' uniform on a day-to-day basis
- ensuring that staff know what to do if a pupil/student is in breach of the school uniform policy
- listening to the opinions and wishes of both schools' communities in regard to school uniform

Staff members are responsible for:

- ensuring all pupils/students dress in accordance with this policy
- applying sanctions to pupils/students who do not wear the correct uniform
- ensuring that pupils/students understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important, e.g., school identity

Parents/carers are responsible for:

- providing the appropriate footwear

Pupils/students are responsible for:

- wearing the correct uniform at all times
- looking after their uniform ([at Bowden House School, the laundering and repair of all uniform items is the responsibility of the school's Domestic Team](#))
- both schools ensure that pupils/students who are required to follow certain dress requirements by virtue of their particular religious or cultural group, will be allowed to wear a uniform that adheres to their requirements, as far as possible. Both schools will endeavour to meet all requests for amendments to the uniform but will ensure that the needs and rights of individual pupils/students are weighed against the needs of both school communities