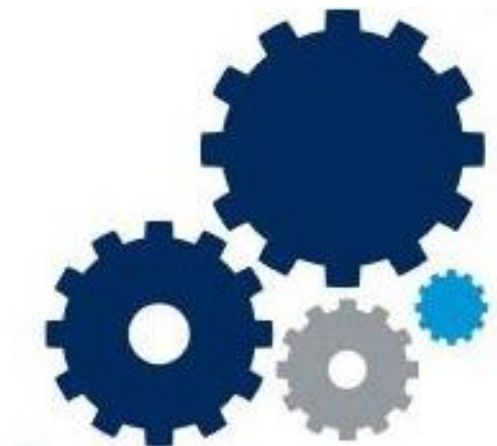




George Stephenson
High School

**Information for
Parents and Students
on Code of Conduct,
Uniform and Equipment**



COVID-19 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS

Social Distancing

- ✓ We will follow the government guidance on social distancing. Where it is marked out in classrooms and around school it should be followed without exception. This applies at breaks and lunchtimes as well.
- ✓ There should be no physical contact between students.
- ✓ In classrooms students must follow instructions from staff at all times this is especially important with regards seating instructions and entering and leaving classrooms.

Conduct in class:

- ✓ As always students will be expected to maintain excellent behaviour during lessons (Ready, Respectful, Safe) e.g. concentrating on tasks set, listening carefully to teacher explanation and treating all people with respect.

Equipment

- ✓ It is crucial that students come to school fully equipped and ready to learn. As it is no longer practical to ask to borrow equipment from friends or members of staff if an item is forgotten.

Hygiene

- ✓ You should wash hands thoroughly using soap on arrival to school and at other points throughout day, especially before eating and as directed by an adult.
- ✓ Only use the toilet when an adult tells you it is safe to do so. Flush the toilet after you have used it. If there is someone else in the toilet area or at the sinks you must stay 1m away from them. You must wash your hands thoroughly and dry them.
- ✓ Try not to touch your face with your hands, especially your mouth, nose and eyes.
- ✓ If you need to cough or sneeze use a tissue and then put it in the bin. If you don't have a tissue then cough or sneeze into your elbow/ upper arm. Immediately wash your hands.
- ✓ Do not share drinks bottles or food. Water fountains will no longer be in use for hygiene reasons, please bring your own filled water bottle (s) to school.
- ✓ Tell an adult straight away if you feel unwell or have been coughing quite a lot.

Uniform

- ✓ From September, students will be required to wear full uniform for school. Please see additional information in this pack and on the school website.

Mobile Phones

- ✓ The rules on mobile phones remain unchanged, in short they should not be seen or heard during lessons or changeover time; unless it is part of on line learning.

Entering and Leaving the School Site

- ✓ Students should be encouraged to walk or cycle where possible.
- ✓ We will give clear messages to pupils about minimising the use of public transport and how to reduce the risks of transmission outside of school.
- ✓ Students will be given instructions about which entrances that they may or may not use.
- ✓ Follow the one-way system and signage in school.
- ✓ Students are expected to depart the school site immediately when dismissed and should not wait for friends from other groups.

- ✓ Parents/carers are advised not to congregate in groups on, or directly outside the school premises.

Online Learning

All work online should maintain the same high standards of behaviour as if they were face to face in school with a member of staff.

- ✓ There should not be any offensive language or derogatory terms used
- ✓ Students should always think appropriately about the audience they are writing for

Sanctions

Behaviour that wilfully undermines the safety measures that the school has put in place or risks the safety of students or staff will not be tolerated and will be dealt with via the normal school disciplinary procedures and the established sanctions system.

Examples might include:

- Deliberately ignoring the social distancing measures or hygiene routines put in place by the school
- Spitting at another student/member of staff
- Deliberately coughing at a student/member of staff
- Behaviour or language that is intended to cause alarm or distress to students/staff about the current situation

Students who do not comply with the above will face consequences depending on the severity or the frequency of the non-compliance. This could include:

1. Clear warning given by class teacher.
2. Removal from session
3. Parents are contacted.
4. Student completes the work in isolation.

If the behaviour of a student is such that a child is posing serious threat to the safety of others and the school has exhausted all strategies to reduce that risk, then exclusion remains an option. However, the head teacher would seek guidance from the Local Authority before carrying out this sanction as in the context of the virus, the safety of the pupil at home may also be seriously compromised and this risk should, not be diminished, but viewed as part of the overall risk assessment for the child, taking on board the views and advice of all relevant stakeholders and agencies.

Rewards

We will adapt our systems in the spirit of our school values to ensure that all children feel valued as celebrated. This may well evolve once teachers begin to support children and devise and adapt the most appropriate strategies for their group. This may include:

- Verbal praise
- Text to parents
- Phone call to parents
- LORIC Cards and points (via SIMS App)

These expectations will underpin everything we do to **Be Ready, Respectful and Safe and Protect Our Community.**

DAILY UNIFORM

Navy blue school sweater with school badge*
School tie (clip on only)
Black school trousers with school badge* or
Trutex pleated black school skirt with school badge/or school check skirt*
Plain white school shirt with collar
Black tights / black or white socks
Sensible plain black school/ Shoes with a low heel
A plain dark outdoor jacket or coat

****students in all year groups must only wear the authorised branded trousers, skirts and sweaters available from Emblematic Ltd – www.emblematic.co.uk***

GIRLS SPORTSWEAR

Black school polo shirt (short sleeved – PE indoors)
Black school sweatshirt (outdoors)
Black shorts (plain – no stripes)
White socks (PE indoors)
Black football socks (Games)
Training shoes (non-mark soles, not plimsolls)
Football boots (advisable)
Shin pads (advisable)
Tracksuit bottoms (PLAIN BLACK – NO STRIPES) (optional)
Black Leggings (optional-from Emblematic) with school badge
Gum shield (advisable)

BOYS SPORTSWEAR

Black school polo shirt (short sleeved – PE indoors)
Black school sweatshirt (outdoors)
Black shorts (plain – no stripes)
White socks (PE indoors)
Black football socks (Games)
Training shoes (non-mark soles, not plimsolls)
Football or rugby boots (advisable)
Shin pads (advisable)
Tracksuit bottoms (PLAIN BLACK – NO STRIPES) (optional)
Gum shield (advisable)

ALL UNIFORM AND KIT MUST BE NAMED

We do NOT allow:

Hoodie-style jackets/sweatshirts, tracksuit-type or sports tops, or denim jackets for outdoor wear.

Polo neck shirts, tee-shirts and shirts with a sports type collar (shirts must have a collar and be large enough at the neck to allow the top button to be comfortably fastened at all times).

Any colour, other than white, for shirts.

Brown or any other colour of shoes.

Trainers, trainer-type boots, boots, ankle boots, cross trainer shoes, ANY sports branded shoes (e.g. Nike, Adidas, Puma, Umbro, La Coste, Converse, Vans etc.), canvas shoes of any kind, plimsolls or sandshoes – no coloured laces, logos or labels.

Designer shoes of any kind e.g. Vivienne Westwood

Fashion belts or scarves.

Non-school sweaters or cardigans.

Non-school trousers or skirts.

Hats to be worn in school.

Hairstyles which follow extremes of fashion such as shaved heads, patterns or dyed hair (only simple, plain headbands or hairclips are allowed for girls). We reserve the right to determine what is a reasonable style or colour of hair and to insist that students with inappropriate hairstyles have them restyled or coloured, or remain in isolation until their

hair is acceptable.
Excessive amounts of makeup.
False eyelashes.
Expensive fashion items, which are not appropriate for school.

Jewellery

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 may wear one ring only (on either hand), a maximum of two ear rings, one in each earlobe (simple studs or sleepers) and a watch. Any other rings/studs/bars used in face, mouth, ear or body piercing are not allowable in school for health and safety reasons.
Ear expanders must not be worn.
All jewellery must be removed for PE/Games.
Necklaces and bracelets should not be worn.
We reserve the right to confiscate or insist that students remove any item which contravenes these guidelines or which is a potential safety hazard. Students who refuse to remove such items will remain in isolation until they do so.

Equipment

Being well organised with books and equipment is essential if students are to learn effectively.

The school will provide most of the equipment and books needed for learning. As a minimum, students must bring to every lesson a blue or black pen, a pencil and ruler. A spare pen, rubber, pencil sharpener and a few coloured pencils are strongly recommended. Correction fluid (Tippex) is not allowed. Every student must have an appropriately sized strong bag to carry his or her own and the school's equipment. There are specific requirements relating to Health and Safety in certain practical lessons, of which students will be made fully aware.