

Whole School Uniform Policy

General Rule

Students at ICS Paris are required to wear a uniform when they are at school, in the vicinity of school, or on school outings.

- Uniform rules apply to **ALL** students regardless of age.
- All clothing must be in good condition, must fit properly, and must not reveal any undergarments.
- Earrings are the only visible piercings allowed. Students must wear studs or small hoops.
- The wearing of any religious symbols (crosses, bindis, hijabs, shailahs or kippahs) is not allowed in school

Aims and Objectives

Our school uniform policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

1. promotes a sense of pride in the school
2. engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
3. is practical, easy to manage, and smart
4. identifies students with the school
5. prevents students from coming to school in fashionable clothes that could prove distracting in class
6. makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
7. is regarded as suitable wear for school
8. is designed with health and safety in mind

The role of parents

The school asks all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. The school believes that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for the school day. Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) comply with this policy. There will be no exceptions.

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The role of teachers and staff

Teachers and staff assist in enforcing the school Uniform Policy. Staff and teachers retain the right to refuse students into their classrooms who do not comply with the uniform policy. Teachers record infringements on Managebac if the students are not in uniform and send the student to the principal's office immediately.

Acquiring school uniforms

The school and sports uniforms can be ordered via the school website <https://www.icsparis.fr/student-life/school-life/uniforms> & collected from school.

Rules relating to the school uniform

1. **General application of policy** – Students must arrive at school in uniform and wear their uniform for the entire school day. All required pieces of clothing can be purchased via the school website or, when not available, alternatives can be bought from elsewhere as long as they correspond to the same colours as the official school uniform.

ICS Paris reserves the right to send home, or to sanction immediately, any student not wearing their uniform at school. Parents will be informed accordingly by e-mail.

2. **Hair** – Hair should be kept in a clean and tidy style at all times. Discrete unnatural hair colours are permitted in school. Students with long hair may also be asked to tie it back when it poses a health and safety issue and/or obstructs their learning (for example, in sports or science).

3. **Hoodies** – When students are at school, they must not wear hoodies.

4. **Jewellery** – Students may wear discrete jewellery in school, provided it does not present a safety hazard to the wearer or to others. Earrings should be worn on the ear lobe and not further up the ear or around the tragus area; students are permitted to wear simple hoops, but the school advises students to remove these during sports to avoid injury. Face or body piercings are prohibited in school. In any matter of dispute, the Head of School's decision will be final.

5. **Lab coats** – Students in Grades 6 and above must wear a plain white lab coat in science class when directed to do so by their teacher.

6. **Makeup and Tattoos** – Students are not permitted to wear makeup or nail varnish in school,

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up to and including Grade 8. Reasonably discrete makeup is tolerated from Grade 9 onwards. If a teacher notices makeup that is not considered discrete, the student may be asked to remove this. No visible, permanent tattoos are permitted.

7. **Outerwear** – Students may wear coats, hoodies and other outerwear to and from school. Other outerwear includes scarves, hats, sunglasses and other accessories. Students must not continue to wear their outerwear, or to carry their outerwear with them, after their arrival at school. Students arriving at school wearing outerwear must therefore store it in their lockers or primary classrooms.

8. **Shirts** – The white, collared, long-sleeved uniform shirt should be worn buttoned up to the second button and tucked in while students are at school or in the vicinity of school. Or the white polo shirt (sports shirt) may be worn.

9. **Skirts** – The uniform skirt must be worn from waist-level and be of appropriate fit and length (either knee-length or just above the knee). Solid black or dark blue leggings may be permitted as long as they are worn under the skirt. Tights, or other hosiery, are permitted to be worn under skirts (black, dark blue, white or neutral).

10. **Primary School** – The uniform skirt and dress must be worn with the uniform shirt. Solid black or dark blue leggings may be permitted, worn under the dress or skirt. Tights, or other hosiery, are permitted to be worn under the dress or skirt (black, dark blue, white or neutral).

11. **Sweaters** – A dark blue sweater is permitted to be worn at any time.

12. **Sweatshirts** – The uniform sweatshirt is permitted to be worn only at school sports functions.

13. **Shoes** – Student footwear must include either solid black or dark blue shoes, with no white, metallic or coloured patches. **Shoes should be flat, high heels are not permitted.** Students may wear sports shoes so long as they are solid black or dark blue (without white soles). White sports shoes/sneakers are only permitted during sports classes

14. **Socks and tights** – Student socks or tights must be solid black, blue or white (i.e., no patterns).

15. **Sports attire** – The correct school sports uniform must be worn on the day the student has sports (the polo shirt may be worn to school exceptionally, see 'Shirts' #8 above). Students in Secondary school are allowed to wear shorts on the days they have sports lessons, when the weather is hot.

16. **Trousers**- Dark blue trousers are permitted to be worn however, leggings and jeans are not allowed.

ICS Whole School Uniform Policy is communicated to teachers, staff, administrators and parents in several ways.

- It is posted at the beginning of each school year on the School's intranet system and website where it can be freely viewed and downloaded.
- It is published at the beginning of each school year in the "Policy Pack" which is available to all teachers and staff.
- It is discussed, referred to and reviewed in all horizontal and vertical planning meetings which constitute teachers, staff, and management across the school.
- The Uniform policy is made available in hard copy around the school.

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