



# **THE HOLLINS**

## **Uniform Policy**



| Date change agreed:    | Summary of change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| May 2025               | <p>Added:<br/>Flared trousers or other fashion trousers<br/>Optional Hollins skort and ankle grip socks</p> <p>Removed:<br/>Photos of headscarves</p> <p>Changed:<br/>Box-pleated skirt pleats to pleats (to allow for a wider range of skirts to be bought which fit pupils better)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| April 2026             | <p>From September 2026 all schools are to limit the number of <u>compulsory</u> branded items of uniform and PE kit to 4 items or fewer (if 1 is a tie).</p> <p>The 3 compulsory items from September 2026 are: Year group polo shirt, year group jumper and PE polo shirt – all with The Hollins badge.</p> <p>Changed:<br/>The PE kit has been amended to reflect the above change. The sport polo shirt to have The Hollins badge, shorts and PE socks can now be plain black.</p> |
| <b>Date to review:</b> | Summer Term 2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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## Uniform Policy

### Rationale:

At The Hollins, we believe the school uniform achieves three important goals:

- **It encourages a sense of community identity and pride.** By wearing the same badge and the same clothing, pupils are encouraged to think of the needs of the community as well as their own individual needs. Our coloured collars ensure year groups feel this pride amongst their immediate peers.
- **It encourages our pupils to develop positive habits for life.** By learning to look after their uniform and attend school in a smart and clean uniform, pupils learn the habits of discipline and personal responsibility that will stay with them for life.
- **It discourages unkindness or bullying while managing costs.** By requiring all our pupils to wear the same lower-cost uniform, we reduce the incentive for pupils to ask parents for the latest (and more expensive) items of fashion. As a result, costs are kept as low as possible and each child is treated equally. We work hard with our suppliers to ensure that our uniform is as cost-effective as possible to support parents.

However, for our uniform policy to be successful, it must be implemented universally and without exception. Our parents understand this and so support us from home to uphold our high standards. We understand that, for some families, finances are tight. We believe that, by doing all we can to keep items of fashion out of school, we help families to keep costs down. Nevertheless, if you do have an individual problem, or you are unsure about an item of clothing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's year co-ordinator who will deal with your enquiry in the strictest confidence.

### School uniform

At The Hollins, we are clear about our standards of uniform in school. This is a way in which we ensure that each of our pupils looks as smart as all others. To make uniform more affordable for parents, we hold a second-hand uniform sale in the summer term for current and new parents. We encourage parents to donate unused uniform to the school or to the Hyndburn Uniform Swap Shop in Accrington Market Hall.

Any pupil not in possession of one of the items of correct uniform, or wearing uniform in an incorrect manner, will be placed in isolation until a parent or carer can bring the correct item to school. In the event that a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform and the parent cannot bring the correct item to school then they will be sanctioned accordingly.

### Suppliers:

Abbey Street Shopping Centre, 2-4 Abbey Street, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 1EB

Whittakers at Oswaldtwistle Mills, Moscow Mill, Colliers Street, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, BB5 3DE

## Trousers:

Trousers should be full length, tailored trousers. They should be a regular fit, not skinny fit.

These are not permitted:

- Leggings.
- Skin tight trousers.
- Trousers at ankle length (trousers should be long enough to touch the shoe when standing).
- Jeans.
- Tracksuit bottoms.
- Cargo pants.
- Flared trousers or other fashion trousers

## Skirts:

Skirts must be a pleated black skirt that sits just above the knee. Skirts must not be bought in a small size to reduce the length. Skirts must be worn as intended, not altered or rolled up at the waist.



## Shirts and jumpers:

The following colours of polo shirt and jumper should be worn, both with The Hollins' logo:

Year 7 – green shirt, black jumper

Year 8 – gold shirt, black jumper

Year 9 – white shirt, black jumper

Year 10 – light blue shirt, black jumper

Year 11 – red shirt, blue jumper

Shirts should be tucked in at all times. Jumpers should be worn to the full length and not tucked under, tucked into the waistband, or gathered in around the back.

## Headscarves:

Some of our pupils may choose to wear headscarves. If so, these headscarves must look conventional and understated in style:

- Black or white in colour.
- No decorations such as patterns, jewels or sequins. This includes pins or clips to secure the headscarf.
- Headscarves must be either tucked in the shirt collar at the front so that: excess material is not hanging down the front of the jumper/short; staff can identify pupils' year groups with the collar colour; to allow The Hollins' badge to be seen on the jumper.

Pupils whose headscarf is not deemed by The Hollins to be of an acceptable style will be given an opportunity to tidy the headscarf in private without sanction. However, if the headscarf persistently remains of an unacceptable style further sanctions may follow.

## Shoes:

School shoes should be black, flat and logo-free. They should be in a traditional style, avoiding the appearance of a trainer.

These are not permitted:

- Styles that appear to be more like sports trainers than professional black shoes, especially due to the material of the shoe.
- Boots or ankle boots.
- Suede or canvas shoes.
- High heels.
- Styles with obvious logo or branding.
- Elaborate buckles, decorations, patterns or reflective strips.
- Any white or colourful details.

However, this list is not exhaustive and the school's decision on what is/is not acceptable is final. If parents are unsure as to whether a particular style will be accepted, they should send a picture of the shoe to The Hollins before purchasing.

These are photos are what are and are not acceptable:



Pupils will be sanctioned until a parent or carer can bring an acceptable pair of shoes to school. Parents who are struggling to find acceptable affordable shoes are encouraged to contact us and we will be happy to recommend appropriate footwear.

## Hair:

Pupils' hair must be in a conventional and understated style.

Some specific styles that are not permitted:

- Lines or patterns shaved into a pupil's hair or eyebrows, including an artificial parting.
- High or flamboyant hair styles, such as a 'Mohican'.
- No shorter than a number 2 for a fully shaved head.
- Any unnatural colours.
- Styles that hide the face.
- Any other hairstyles that the school considers to be inappropriate.

Hair accessories that are not permitted:

- Bows, flowers or other adornments in hair.
- Bright coloured clips or bands, or any with jewels or sequins on.

However, this list is not exhaustive and the school's decision on what is/is not acceptable is final.

Pupils whose haircut is not deemed by the school to be an acceptable style will be placed in isolation until a parent or carer takes the pupil to the barber/hairdresser and have the haircut changed. Pupils whose hair needs to 'grow out' must remain in isolation at breaks or lunchtimes until the hair is an acceptable length. Pupils are not permitted to spend this time at home.

### Make-up:

Pupils must not wear any make-up whatsoever. If found to be wearing make-up of any description pupils will be asked to remove it immediately and a sanction may follow. Failure to do so will result in immediate isolation.

No make-up includes:

- Excessive fake tan.
- False eyelashes.
- False nails or nail varnish.
- Drawn on eyebrows.
- Mascara.
- Eyeliner.
- Foundation.
- Lip gloss

### Jewellery:

The Hollins operates a strict no jewellery policy for all pupils.

The following are not permitted:

- Ear-rings or ear studs of any sort including plastic or transparent ear-rings.
- Piercings of any sort.
- Bracelets.
- Rings.
- Necklaces or chains.
- Ankle chains.

Any jewellery worn by the pupil while in school uniform will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Further sanctions will follow if jewellery is repeatedly worn in school.

### School bags:

Bags should be brought every day to school as it is vital all pupils carry necessary equipment for learning. It is imperative that school bags are large enough to carry a pencil case (containing all the relevant equipment) along with exercise books and any text books – an A4 folder should be able to easily fit into the bag without being squashed. Rucksacks are preferred as these are easier and safer for pupils to carry many items. Handbag-type bags are not acceptable as they do not hold enough equipment, and they do not prevent items from getting wet when it is raining.



## Coats:

Coats should be plain in colour and preferably waterproof.

Not permitted:

- Sweatshirts.
- Hoodies.
- Tracksuit tops.
- Sport-type tops.
- Bodywarmers/gilets.

## Socks/tights:

These should be black in colour.

These are not permitted:

- Over-the-knee socks.
- Trainer socks.
- Black tights 40 denier or less.

## Other accessories:

Watches should be plain and understated in style. Smart watches and Fitbits are not allowed. Oversized fashion watches, watches in bright colours and watches worn as jewellery are not permitted.

Glasses should be plain and understated.

## Sports kit:

All polo shirts in the sport kits should have the Hollins logo on. Black shorts and black long sports socks are available to purchase with The Hollins logo on, however this is optional.

Compulsory kit:

Polo shirt – black body with amber side panel.

Shorts – plain black. (**Not allowed:** cycling shorts, Nike Pro–style shorts, or any shorts with visible sports logos).

Long sports socks – plain black.

Optional:

Hollins black shorts.

Hollins long sport socks.

Hollins leggings.

Hollins tracksuit bottoms.

Hollins  $\frac{3}{4}$  zip training top with black body and amber side panels.

Hollins skort and ankle grip socks.

Please note:

Boys will require a pair of football boots.

Boys will require a gum shield for rugby.

Girls may wear a hijab cap in practical lessons.

School jumpers will not be permitted to be worn during a PE lesson.