



17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear SNHS Families

### **Summer Uniform Expectations and Morning Arrival Arrangements**

As we return for the Summer Term, I am writing to provide a clear and supportive reminder of our uniform expectations, alongside some important changes to morning arrival arrangements.

At Sturminster Newton High School, our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience underpin everything we do. Our school uniform plays an important role in creating a sense of identity, pride and belonging, and supports calm, purposeful learning across the school day.

We are grateful, as always, for the support of our families in helping students meet these shared expectations.

### **Summer Uniform Reminder**

Our summer uniform is now in place. In summary, students are expected to wear:

- SNHS blue polo shirt with embroidered badge
- School blazer if an additional layer is required
- Plain black skirt or trousers in the approved style and material. Tailored black shorts are also permitted.
- Black socks, or opaque black tights
- Plain black school shoes

Year 11 students may continue to wear winter uniform for the remainder of the year should they wish to do so.

The full uniform policy, including images and detailed guidance on acceptable items, is available on the school website. If you are unsure about the suitability of an item before purchase, please contact the school for advice.

### **Jumpers, Hoodies and Coats – Clarification**

In line with our Summer Term uniform guidance, school jumpers and hoodies are not permitted at any point during the school day. If a student is wearing a hoodie, it may be confiscated until the end of the day.

Coats are permitted when students are outdoors and when moving between lessons, particularly while the weather remains changeable. However, coats must be removed upon entry to classrooms and must not be worn during lessons.

If a student feels cold during the school day, their appropriate additional layer is their school blazer, which may be worn in lessons. This clarity ensures consistency and supports a calm, focused learning environment for all students.

### **Jewellery**

Jewellery expectations remain unchanged:

- A maximum of two small stud earrings may be worn (not the hoop style)
- No facial or visible body jewellery is permitted
- A clear plastic retainer may be used instead of a nose stud

As the warmer weather arrives and polo shirts are worn, jewellery can often become more visible. We know that the vast majority of our students are extremely positive and comply with expectations when they are clear and consistently applied. However, we have seen an increase of visible jewellery in our first week back and are keen to ensure consistency in following our expectations. To support this, we are taking a phased and well communicated approach to jewellery in the summer term.





Where jewellery does not meet the above expectations:

- Items will be confiscated and taken to the school office
- On the first occasion of confiscation, students may collect at the end of the day
- For further or consecutive incidents, parents/carers will be required to collect the items
- Any refusal to comply will be escalated in line with our behaviour procedures

This approach removes repeated warnings and ensures fairness and consistency for all students.

## **Implementation**

To ensure families and students have time to prepare for these expectations, we are rolling this out in a measured way:

- This letter shared with parents via the Head of School newsletter on 17<sup>th</sup> April
- Tutors reinforcing expectations with students throughout the week of 20-24<sup>th</sup> April
- Assembly reminders led by Heads of Year during the week of 20-24<sup>th</sup> April
- Follow-up reminder to parents next week in the 24<sup>th</sup> April Head of School Newsletter
- Gate checks and roll-call support taking place next week as students adjust

Following this, from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, the above expectations (particularly with regards to jewellery) will be in place. We believe this phased approach will reduce pressure points and support a calm and successful implementation.

## **Morning Entrance – Important Change**

From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, the lower gate by the Sports Centre will not be open to students in the morning.

- All students must enter the site via the top entrance/Main Car Park
- This will act as a single point of entry, allowing staff to welcome students and challenge uniform issues early in the day. It also allows a more consistent and supportive check in with students as they arrive to school, allowing us to support with any emerging pastoral matters
- This change supports consistency and reduces disruption later in lessons

## **Working in Partnership**

We are proud of the conduct and attitudes of our students and confident that, with clear communication and your continued support, these expectations will be embedded positively and consistently.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to maintain the high standards that reflect pride in our school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Warm regards

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Head of School

