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Dear Parent/Carer

Nova Hreod Academy Uniform

At Nova, we are very proud of how smart our students are. The uniform they wear incorporates our four House colours and establishes a clear sense of identity for the school, showing they are part of the Nova family.

If your child's uniform needs to be replaced or brought into line with the expectations set out below, please can I ask that you take time over this Easter holiday to organise this.

The uniform expectations are set out below as a helpful reminder. These are also available in the parents' area of the Nova website. Please take note of the items that are not allowed at Nova too.

- Nova navy Blazer – there are two styles, unisex or a more fitted version for female students
- Nova House Tie (clip-on): Orion – red striped tie; Cygnus – blue striped tie; Pegasus – yellow striped tie; Aquila – green striped tie
- Nova Charcoal Grey Trousers or Nova Charcoal Grey Skirt

Optional:

- Nova Jumper

The items above should all be purchased from Famous School Branches, Sanford Street, Swindon. [01793 520843](tel:01793520843)

The following items below can be purchased from any supplier:

- plain white work-style shirt or blouse
- plain black shoes
- black socks
- black tights

More recently, we've found that some shops are putting items of clothing in their school sections which look less smart and would not be acceptable at Nova. In particular, we have a very small but increasing number of students who are wearing trousers that do not meet our expectations. The fashion appears to be for girls' trousers to be tighter-fitting and cropped, worn with trainer socks or bare feet.

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As a result of the difficulties we know some parents have had, we provide the following guidance to help you when buying uniform suitable at Nova.

Acceptable in Nova	NOT acceptable in Nova
<p>Trousers: CHARCOAL grey in a traditional full length so that the leg is covered - formal style.</p> <p>Belts: Black only</p>	<p>No fashion styles e.g. skinny, leggings, jeggings, very baggy trousers or jeans</p> <p>No trousers with metal studs, rivets, or accessories such as brand labels, fake zips or buckles</p> <p>No cord, chinos, patterned fabric, casual trousers or branded items. No decorative belts or buckles</p>
<p>Skirts: CHARCOAL grey, traditional school style. Must be at least knee length</p>	<p>No fashion styles e.g. tight fitting, skater, side slits or wrap around No figure hugging jersey material, patterned, or textured</p> <p>No skirts with accessories, e.g. decorative belts, labels, rivets, obvious zips or pockets</p>
<p>Shirts: White, long or short sleeved, button collar, suitable for a tie</p>	<p>No T shirts to be worn underneath the school shirt</p>
<p>Jumpers: Optional Nova logoed navy V neck jumper may be worn under the blazer</p>	<p>No alternative jumper allowed</p> <p>No cardigans, sweatshirts or hoodies</p> <p>The jumper can only be worn with the blazer, not on its own</p>
<p>Coats: Should be worn over the school blazer to and from school as appropriate to the time of year and weather conditions</p>	<p>Coats cannot be worn inside the school building</p>
<p>Footwear: Black only. These should be plain, leather or leather look, substantial, hardwearing and of a formal style</p>	<p>No high heels, boots, trainers, skate shoes, canvas, suede, fur or Velcro fastenings</p> <p>No fashion styles with accessories such as bows, braiding or studs No alternative coloured soles or laces</p> <p>No branded logos</p>
<p>Socks: Black</p> <p>Tights: Black</p> <p>NB: Tights or socks must be worn</p>	<p>Black only</p> <p>No trainer socks/shoe liners/bare feet</p> <p>No textured, patterned or embellished styles No leggings</p> <p>No socks to be worn over tights</p>
<p>Hair: Hair should be neat and tidy. Hair styles moderate and of a natural colour.</p> <p>For some activities, long hair should be tied back</p>	<p>No extreme haircuts e.g. shaven heads, Mohicans</p> <p>No unnatural or extreme hair colouring</p> <p>No tramlines</p> <p>All hair accessories should be functional and not fashionable</p>
<p>Make up: Should be subtle, and kept to a minimum using neutral tones</p>	<p>No heavy or excessive make up e.g. dark brows, thick eyeliner, bright eye shadow or lipstick</p> <p>No nail varnish, gel nails or artificial nails may be worn</p>

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Jewellery: Should be kept to a minimum. One pair of small plain gold or silver stud earrings which must only be worn in the ear lobe (one in each ear) and one wristwatch	Facial or oral piercings including nose studs, stretchers in the ears, tongue piercings or ear bars No transparent retainers No facial tattoos No bangles, beads, wristbands or rings No I-watches/SMART watches/fitbits
	Aerosols of any kind Mobile phones must not be seen or heard in school

PE Kit

- Nova Hreod Academy Polo Shirt
- Nova Hreod Academy reversible Rugby Shirt
- Nova Hreod Academy blue shorts/skort
- Trainers*
- Navy Blue football socks*
- Football boots*

Optional PE Kit for cold weather only:

- Black tracksuit trousers
- Nova Hreod Academy fleece

I was struck, when I joined the school in September, by how effective our Roll Call is in ensuring that all students are in the correct uniform at the start of the day and supporting those students who aren't in the correct uniform to get it right. We will continue to check uniform each morning in this way so that every child can feel that important sense of belonging to our community and no child feels left out.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping to keep your child smart so that they feel a part of the Nova family.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Nick Wells

Headteacher