



# Brakenhale School

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## School Uniform

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you are having a wonderful end to the academic year. As we look ahead, we would like to take this opportunity to clarify some of our uniform standards and expectations for the new academic year in September 2026.

A smart appearance is an important aspect of modern life. Brakenhale School aims to prepare students for a successful life and an emphasis on taking pride in one's own appearance is an essential part of this. Brakenhale School has a uniform policy which helps to enhance the purposeful and successful climate of the school.

A copy of our September 2026 uniform and appearance expectations has been attached for your convenience. I have also included information regarding banned items and our mobile phone policy.

All school branded uniform can be purchased from kitworld: <https://kitworld.uk>

### **Uniform Store**

We have a uniform store on site where students are supported to meet our uniform expectations as they can borrow specific items they need, should they not have a full school uniform.

This store contains a stock of shoes, ties, blazers, skirts, trousers and shirts. Families will be contacted in the instance that uniform is borrowed and we ask that the item is returned within 48 hours.

### **Failure to meet uniform expectations**

- In the rare case that a student is unable to meet our uniform expectations outlined above, they will remain out of general circulation in the Ready for learning room while we work with you to resolve the issue.

Should you require financial assistance in order to provide adequate uniform items, or want to purchase uniform second hand then please do not hesitate to get in contact. Should you have any questions, queries or concerns regarding uniform, please do not hesitate to contact

[ltheal@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:ltheal@brakenhale.co.uk)

| Uniform                         | Detail                                                                                   | What this means                                                                                                                                                                        | Picture to support                                                                    |
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| <b>Brakenhale School Blazer</b> |                                                                                          | <p><b>Compulsory item.</b></p> <p>Must be worn every day. During lessons, teachers will give permission for blazers to be removed when appropriate.</p> <p><b>Branded Item (1)</b></p> |     |
| <b>Tie</b>                      | School tie with clip.                                                                    | <p><b>Compulsory item.</b></p> <p>Must be worn every day.</p> <p><b>Branded Item (2)</b></p>                                                                                           |  |
| <b>Blouse/shirt</b>             | White school shirt (not polo shirt) (short or long sleeved) that buttons up to the neck. | <p><b>Compulsory item.</b></p> <p>Shirts should be tucked in and buttoned up at all times.</p> <p><b>Non-branded</b></p>                                                               |  |

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| <b>'V' neck sweater</b> | <p>Plain grey.</p> <p>Jumpers must be knitted in appearance.</p> | <p><b>Optional item</b> as an extra layer.</p> <p>Cannot be worn instead of a blazer.</p> <p><b>Branded</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Trousers</b>         | <p>Tailored, full length, plain black, loose fitting.</p>        | <p><b>Optional item</b> - students may choose to wear the school skirt or tailored shorts instead.</p> <p>Full length to the ankle. A tailored style will typically have a pleat at the front and back and a zip fly and belt loops.</p> <p>Prohibited trouser styles include but are not limited to: tight, skinny fit, narrow fit, stretchy or elasticated fabrics, low rise, chinos, jeans, drainpipe, linen, leggings, cropped styles or flared styles if they are tight on the upper leg.</p> <p><b>Non-branded</b></p> | <p><b>Acceptable</b></p>  <p><b>Unacceptable</b></p>  <p><b>Please note these images are not exhaustive. Please read the description for more details.</b></p> |

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| <b>Skirt</b>  | School skirt / kilt                                                           | <p><b>Optional item</b> - students may choose to wear tailored trousers or shorts instead.</p> <p>The skirt we use is the Banner tartan pleated skirt in grey and is available widely (e.g Kitworld/school uniform shop/schoolwear united) Must be worn to the knee and must not be rolled or shortened in any way. Style code: 112402</p> <p><b>Non- Branded</b></p> |    |
| <b>Shorts</b> | Black, tailored loose fitting shorts, that land on the knee and have a pleat. | <p><b>Optional item</b> - either a kilt, trousers or tailored shorts.</p> <p>Shorts must be tailored with a pleat.</p> <p><b>Non-branded</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| <b>Socks</b>  | Plain black, white or grey and above the ankle.                               | <p><b>Compulsory item</b> (unless wearing tights with a skirt).</p> <p>Coloured or patterned/frilled socks are not acceptable. Socks with branded logos or trainer socks are also not acceptable. Socks worn with kilts must be no higher than shin height.<b>Non-branded</b></p>                                                                                     |  |

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| <p><b>*Shoes<br/>(additional<br/>information<br/>below)</b></p> | <p>Plain black, flat and logo-free. Leather or similar polishable material.</p> | <p><b>Compulsory item.</b></p> <p>No canvas or trainer style shoes (even if plain black) will be accepted. Shoes must be polishable. Boots are not permitted. Heels are not permitted.</p> <p>Please see below for more information.</p> <p><b>Non-branded</b></p> | <p><b>See below for images.</b></p>                                                  |
| <p><b>Tights</b></p>                                            | <p>Plain black opaque or flesh coloured.</p>                                    | <p><b>Optional item</b></p> <p>Coloured or patterned tights are not acceptable. Tights are optional. A combination of tights and socks is not permitted.</p> <p><b>Non-branded</b></p>                                                                             |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Belts</b></p>                                             | <p>Plain black</p>                                                              | <p><b>Optional item</b></p> <p>Belts should be discreet. Buckles should be plain and unbranded.</p> <p><b>Non-branded</b></p>                                                                                                                                      |  |

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| <p><b>Coat/Jacket</b></p> | <p>Coats should be in dark colours only, ie. black, navy or dark grey.</p> <p>Coats must only be worn outside during the school day and must be removed immediately upon entering any school building at any point in the day.</p>                                                                            | <p><b>Optional item.</b></p> <p>No hooded sweatshirts zipped or otherwise, fabric/knitted tops, cardigans or sweatshirts are permitted. Students bringing these items will be required to hand them in.</p> <p><b>Non-branded</b></p> |                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Bags</b></p>        | <p>All students in Year 7 will be given a branded school bag, free of charge by the school, when they join in September.</p> <p>Students can wear the branded school bag or a plain and non-branded black bag. These should be ruc-sac or messenger style bags. Bags must be able to carry A4 size books.</p> | <p><b>Compulsory item</b></p> <p>No plastic bags, shoulder pouches/bags, cross body bags, shoulder bags, fashion bags including handbags or other inappropriate bags.</p> <p><b>Branded/Non - branded</b></p>                         |   |

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| <p><b>PE top</b></p>         |  | <p><b>Compulsory item</b></p> <p>Black Brakenhale branded PE shirt.</p> <p><b>Branded (3)</b></p>       |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>PE Short/Skort</b></p> |  | <p><b>Compulsory Item</b></p> <p>Black Brakenhale branded PE shorts/Skort</p> <p><b>Branded (4)</b></p> |   |

### Further Information about Footwear

Acceptable footwear



### Unacceptable footwear



### Hair, make-up and accessories

The only jewellery that is permitted is one pair of plain silver or gold ear studs and a non-internet enabled wrist watch. Nose studs, facial and body piercings or visible tattoos are not permitted. Students are not permitted to wear a plastic retainer in their place, nor are they permitted to cover these with tape.

No accessories are to be worn around the neck, wrists, and ankles or attached to clothing.

Hair should be of a natural colour. Shaved patterns or words are not permitted, though reasonable exceptions will be made on cultural, ethnic or religious grounds.

Make-up must be discreet, lines in the hair and eyebrows are not permitted and no nail varnish or fake/acrylic nails can be worn.

Fake eyelashes are not permitted.

All our uniform can be worn by any student regardless of gender.

**If you require support with uniform or you are unsure if the uniform is acceptable please contact us via your child's Head of Year.**

## BANNED ITEMS

The Brakenhale School is a safe environment, in which all students are supported to flourish. To that end, please note that the following items are banned from the premises. While the school will take reasonable care of confiscated items, we accept no liability for accidental loss or damage to items brought onto the premises in breach of school policy.

| Item                                       | Reason for ban                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Sanction                                                    |
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| Mobile phones and internet enabled watches | <p>These devices are a distraction for students. We also know that they are the source of a great deal of anxiety for students and a platform on which bullying can take place. Our school must be a safe place: this means it must be free of phones. This is in line with Department of Education guidance which mandates all schools must be phone-free.</p> <p>At school, they must be switched off and in bags before they go through the green gate/through main reception doors. Students are not permitted to use these devices during the school day, including to contact home. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please phone the reception staff who will be able to pass a message to your child or enable you to speak to them, in case of an emergency.</p> <p>In sixth form, mobile phones are permitted for personal use in the sixth form area only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Exceptions are permitted for students who require their device for medical monitoring</li></ul> | Confiscation and detention and collected by parents/carers. |
| Aerosols                                   | These pose a severe health and safety risk to students with respiratory problems, and have been known to trigger life-threatening asthma attacks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Confiscated and not returned                                |
| Headphones                                 | <p>Headphones are distracting for students; mobile phones are not permitted so headphones cannot be used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Students who are required to use noise cancelling headphones will be given permission via the SEND team</li></ul> <p>Sixth formers are permitted to use headphones in silent study and the common room only.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Confiscation and returned at end of day                     |
| Lighters or matches                        | Health and safety risk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Confiscated and not returned                                |

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| Fizzy drinks and energy drinks                                        | These contain high quantities of caffeine and sugar, which are harmful and make concentration difficult.                                                                                                        | Confiscated and returned at staff member discretion                              |
| Items of clothing that are not part of the uniform policy             | Items of clothing such as hoodies, sweatshirts, cardigans and branded caps are not part of the uniform policy. We are committed to implementing the uniform policy consistently.                                | Confiscated and returned at the end of the day                                   |
| Jewellery, other than plain silver or gold stud earrings, one per ear | Additional items of jewellery are not in line with our uniform policy. This includes items such as necklaces, additional earrings, bracelets, nose studs, decorative (rather than functional) hair accessories. | Confiscated and returned at the end of the day                                   |
| Chewing gum                                                           | Causes damage to school environment and furniture                                                                                                                                                               | Detention. Confiscated if the student is in possession of a pack of chewing gum. |

The following items are illegal and not allowed on site. If a student is found in possession of one of the following items, a sanction will be issued in line with the behaviour policy, and may include suspension or permanent exclusion:

- Alcohol
- Cigarettes/vapes
- Illegal drugs
- Knives and weapons
- Pornographic images
- Stolen items