



10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

## Food Technology Lessons - Hygiene

There has been a rise in the number of students wearing nail varnish, false and/or acrylic nails. Dirt and bacteria can become lodged under the nail, nail varnish or acrylic and this is just one of the reasons they are not permitted in School or in food preparation environments. This is a matter of health and safety.

Please refer to our School Uniform policy which can be found on our website or by click on the following link: <https://www.buckinghamsschool.org/ouruniform>

A summary of our Uniform Standards can also be found on the next page.

Please note that from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024, students arriving to practical Food Technology lessons wearing nail varnish, acrylic or false nails will not be permitted to cook.

Yours faithfully,

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# School Uniform Standards

All students are expected to take pride in their appearance and to understand the importance of looking smart and professional whilst in School and out in the local community. Students are required to adhere to the uniform standards, to ensure that they look their best and show their pride in representing The Buckingham School.

	Do wear:		Don't wear:
✓	Black blazer with School badge on top left pocket Must be worn at all times, although can be removed during breaks	✗	The blazer with sleeves rolled/turned up
✓	White school shirt, buttoned up to the neck and tucked in Can be short or long sleeved	✗	An open neck shirt A polo shirt or t-shirt An exposed midriff
✓	Either: Black tailored trousers worn to the waist and reaching the ankle but not past the heel of the shoe	✗	Skinny fit jeans style, chinos or skin-tight trousers
✓	Or: Black pleated skirt The skirt must touch the middle of the knee	✗	Other designs of skirt, eg pencil, A-line Skirts shorter or longer than the specified length Skirts must not be rolled up at the waist
✓	Black polished leather/leather-look shoes	✗	High heeled shoes Trainers/pumps/sports-style shoes even if they are leather/leather-look Canvas-style shoes/boots
✓	School tie in your House colour	✗	Tie inappropriately tied; the School badge must be visible
✓	Plain black socks or plain black tights • Socks worn with skirts must be ankle or calf length	✗	Patterned tights or ripped tights Coloured, white or patterned socks Trainer socks
✓	Optional: A plain, narrow black belt with buckle	✗	Belts which are coloured, embellished or wide
✓	Optional: Plain black v-neck jumper	✗	A jumper in place of a blazer Hoodies or sweatshirts
✓	Optional: Outdoor coat/jacket, scarf, gloves	✗	Coats in lessons
✓	As appropriate: Items relating to religious belief/faith	✗	Items which cover the face Jewellery, such as rings Items which express political opinion/belief
	Permitted:		Not Permitted:
✓	Subtle, natural-looking make-up	✗	False eyelashes. False nails, nail varnish, Gels/Acrylics Heavy make-up
✓	Natural hair colour and smart styles	✗	Extreme hair styles, including tramlines/patterns shaved in to hair, or extreme colours
✓	One pair of stud or sleeper earrings Discrete retainers for other piercings Watches. Charity/religious bands	✗	Large earrings, dangly, hoops or stretchers Facial or body piercings. Any other form of jewellery, e.g. rings. No jewellery to be worn whilst taking part in PE, Sport and Technology workshops/Food classrooms

*The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to [finance@buckinghamschool.org](mailto:finance@buckinghamschool.org), if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.*