CLOTHING AND KIT LIST FOR NEW BOYS

House Notes 2022



The School's *Clothing and Kit List for New Boys* will tell you which items must be bought from one of the two recognised outfitters. You may want to visit these outfitters on the same day as the new boys' Welcome Afternoon but you will need to allow plenty of time as they are particularly busy on this day. The week or two before the beginning of the Autumn term is also a very busy period. If you can make your visit during the early part of the summer holiday, this would certainly be preferable. Whenever you choose to visit, you are advised to telephone in advance to check availability and to arrange an appointment if necessary. The relevant contact details are:

- THE OUTFITTERS harrow@theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk +44 (0)20 8422 1045
- BILLINGS & EDMONDS harrow@billingsandedmonds.co.uk billingsandedmonds.co.uk +44 (0)20 8422 1701

LABELLING

Please label all clothing and bedding with the appropriate nametape and Bradbys' laundry number as permanent marker is not permanent when a garment is washed frequently. As you can imagine, sorting laundry for 68 boys is a time-consuming job, so it is important that each boy has his nametapes sewn on his clothes and that they can be found easily. The official School outfitters will order the nametapes for you and will sew them into all items purchase from them.

It is important that all other clothing, including home clothes and bedding, also have nametapes sewn in and it would be very helpful if you could provide about 20 spares for use during your son's time at Harrow.

In addition to the full name tags, it is advisable to sew large, extra-wide labels with your son's initials on the front of all major sports clothing as these are very visible and allow quick identification of items that are often taken off during games sessions. They are also available from the two official School outfitters.

Hats

Please ensure hats are varnished and named before School starts. Be careful: varnish does not come off carpets.

Socks

It is essential that boys send their socks to the laundry <u>named</u> and inside their <u>named</u> sock bag. Please sew the short end of the nametape at the open end of the sock. Sock bags often come open in the wash and socks escape, so it is advisable to name socks individually.

Underpants

The same applies as for socks.

■ White shirts, tracksuit top, cricket sweater, T-shirts, cricket shirts, vests AND pyjama tops

Sew the nametape at the back, either along the inside collar or just below so the nametape is clearly visible when the

■ Greyers, striped trousers, pyjama bottoms, all games shorts, cricket trousers, tracksuit bottoms and underpants

Please sew your son's standard nametape along the inside back, below the waistband, and a large nametape on the front of the shorts and tracksuit, on the right-hand side.

Waistcoat

Sew at the top of the back, on the lining.

■ Tailcoats, bluers, overcoats and dressing gown

Sew at the back on the inside collar or just below. The dressing-gown belt should be named separately.

■ Trainers

Name the inside tongue of the trainers and/or use stick-on labels.

Duvet and duvet covers

Two duvet covers of different colours/designs so that they can easily be identified as having been changed. A large nametape should be sewn on the outside corner at the fastening end so it is easily visible when the duvet and duvet cover are folded.

■ Towels

Put a loop on all towels so your son can hang them up, and a large nametape in one corner so that it is easily visible when the towel is folded. Please do not use the nametape to create the loop.

Ties

Sew on the inside part of the tie that lies round the back of the neck.

LAUNDRY BAG

- Your son must have a laundry bag with a large nametape with laundry number sewn at the top outside opening.
- He should have four labelled mesh sock bags (two for underpants and two for socks).

LUGGAGE

Soft bags work best. It is also a good idea to have a small bag for exeat weekends. Please do not bring a trunk. They are heavy to cart around and damage the walls and staircases.

HOME CLOTHES

New boys usually arrive in casual clothes on the first evening. It would be helpful if your son does not bring too many items of home clothing; he will be in School dress or sports clothing most of the time so won't need them and space is limited in rooms. Boys are expected to keep their own rooms tidy. Please remember to label the clothes he arrives in.

STORAGE

All items should be taken home at the end of the Summer term, when the House is let for summer courses. Boys who live overseas may store items in crates over the vacation.

COMPULSORY ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- House rugby shirt
- House Harrow football shirt (can be bought later in the term)
- House multi-purpose shirt (boys find these very useful for a range of sports)
- Alarm clock
- Combination padlcok for desk drawer
- Water bottle
- Clothes hangers

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Black trouser belt
- Powerbank charger for mobile phone
- USB memory stick

- House athletics vest
- House hooded top

GUM SHIELDS

Your son may be playing rugby in September and boys are required to wear a gum shield when playing matches and during training. It is compulsory for boys to wear a gum shield when playing Harrow football for the House in the Spring term. Gum shields should be bought and fitted before arrival at School.

CRICKET CLOTHING

You may not want to buy this initially, as your son may grow significantly between now and next April. It can be bought towards the end of the Spring term.

INSURANCE

The School Pupils' Personal Effects insurance covers loss or damage to personal property during term time and on School trips but does not cover mobile phones or cash (the policy will be updated for 2022–23 – parents are advised to check details of the new coverage).

MEDICATION

In addition to completing the required medical information forms, any medications, whether prescribed or over the counter, including vitamin and herbal supplements, must be brought to my attention on arrival at Bradbys as I will need to make a record of them. The Medical Centre will then decide if the medication is suitable to be given to your son while at School. All medication must be in its original packaging with accompanying. information and dosage.

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