

The Ferrers School CCF

Care of Uniform



Care of Kit and Turnout

You have the privilege of wearing the Queen's uniform and should wear it with pride. This can only be done if you look after it. You must give your uniform the same care or more as you give to your best clothes. When not in use it must be hung up out of harm's way. It must be washed from time to time as necessary. Boots (particularly soles) must be kept in good repair and the upper parts cleaned regularly with brown polish.

Your uniform will be checked or inspected each drill parade to check your uniform is up to scratch and smart. Anything not up to standard will be noted down for future action.

Ironing (pressing)

Check the label to make sure your using the right temperature on the iron.

- If you don't have an ironing board put a towel on the floor and then iron on it.
- If you use spray starch, then you will need to iron them less frequently.
- To use starch iron your trousers normally spray them with starch then iron them again.

Don't use steam when using starch though as it will leave behind white marks, a brush will get rid of these though.

Trousers

- Wash in the washing machine as normal. (40 degrees)
- Iron the trousers flat, there are to be no creases.
- The issue belt should be worn with the trousers, the belt should be tight with the buckle central and any spare belt tucked away.

Shirts

- Wash as normal. (40 degrees)
- Iron the whole shirt to remove creases,
- Iron a sharp crease into each sleeve. The crease should run through the corners of the blanking plates. It is easier to iron the shirt without the plates in place. Iron the plates and replace.
- Iron the collar flat in line with the stitching on the first piece of Velcro.

Beret

- Should be kept clean of dirt and fluff – Use sticky tape to remove any fluff, hairs etc
- Should be shaped correctly (see below) with the cap badge above the left eye

Boots

- Clean the whole boot to remove all traces of dirt and grit
- Apply a layer of polish with a brush and leave for 5 – 10 mins
- Then take that layer of polish off with a different brush and repeat as necessary to get a shine
- Buff the boots with a soft bristled brush and an old pair of rolled up tights to get a semi decent shine
- Always wear thick green army socks when wearing your boots, as they will help keep your feet feel comfortable, normal socks will cause your boots to rub, making blisters.

How to shape your Beret

- Get two buckets/basins of water – one as hot as you can stand, the other cold
- Put your new beret in the hot bucket and get it soaking wet except from the leather band (try and keep it as dry as possible as it will shrink)
- Then put it in the cold one and soak it
- Repeat several times
- Place the beret on your head with the place for the cap badge sitting above your left eye
- Shape it by pulling the excess material over to the right whilst keeping the cap badge in place
- smooth the material out.
- Leave the beret on your head until completely dry – let it dry naturally, don't use hairdryers, etc.
- Adjust the black tape to get a good fit. The leather band should be horizontal and 1-2cm above the eyebrows. Make sure it is not too low at the back.
- Only when you have a good fit, tie the tapes and push the ends into the leather band at the rear.