

Uniform Care Guide

Looking After Your Uniform

The uniform issued to your child is the property of the **Ministry of Defence (MOD)** and is provided on loan for the duration of their time in the Combined Cadet Force. Cadets are expected to take pride in their appearance and maintain their uniform to a high standard.

General Uniform Care

- Wash uniform only in accordance with the care label.
- Always empty pockets before washing.
- Fasten zips and buttons before placing garments in the washing machine.
- Avoid tumble drying.
- Iron uniforms when required to maintain a smart appearance.
- Hang jackets and shirts on suitable hangers to prevent creasing.
- Store uniform in a dry place away from direct sunlight.

Berets

- Do not tumble dry
- Follow the guide on the label for moulding

Boots

- Clean after every use.
- Remove mud and dirt before storing.
- Polish regularly.
- Allow wet boots to dry naturally.
- Never dry boots directly on radiators or fires.

Badges

- Do not remove or reposition badges.
- Badges should only be sewn on or removed following instruction from contingent staff.

Lost or Damaged Uniform

Any loss or damage should be reported to contingent staff as soon as possible. Deliberate damage or failure to return issued clothing may result in replacement costs being charged.

Boot/Parade Shoes Polishing Guide

How to Polish Cadet Boots/Parade Shoes

A well-polished pair of boots reflects the pride and professionalism expected of every cadet.

Equipment Required

- Black boot polish
- Soft polishing cloth
- Small brush
- Water
- Old toothbrush (optional)

Step 1 – Clean

Remove all dirt and mud using a brush or damp cloth.

Allow boots to dry completely.

Step 2 – Apply Polish

Using a cloth or brush, apply a thin layer of black polish across the entire boot.

Allow this to dry for approximately 10 minutes.

Step 3 – Buff

Using a clean brush, buff the boot until an even shine appears.

Step 4 – Build a Shine

For ceremonial occasions:

- Wrap a clean cloth around one finger.
- Add a tiny amount of polish.
- Add a single drop of water.
- Using small circular motions, build multiple thin layers.

Top Tips

- ✓ Polish after every parade night.
- ✓ Never leave muddy boots overnight.
- ✓ Keep a polishing kit together.
- ✓ Replace worn laces when necessary.