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## **1 Introduction**

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside off school premises, unless the Principal advises otherwise (eg. on a residential trip).

## **2 Aims and objectives**

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the Academy;
- is in line with the Academy values;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

## **3 Uniform details**

Formal black school trousers, shorts or skirts

White formal shirt (short or long sleeved)

Plain black, grey or white socks/tights

Smart black school shoes with no coloured logos

Black V neck knitted jumper or cardigan, with or without logo\*

Green and black Academy tie

Skirts should be long enough to enable the wearer to sit cross-legged without embarrassment.

During the summer months children will be able to take jumpers and cardigans off, but must wear their school tie unless directed otherwise by the Academy Principal.

### **PE / Sports Kit for boys and girls**

White T-shirt with or without house group logo\*

Black PE shorts

Black tracksuit bottoms for cold weather

Optional black hooded/unhooded sweatshirt with or without logo\*

Plimsolls or trainers

### **Logo Items**

\*A variety of items marked with the school logo are available to purchase through the School Uniform Supplier – School Trends. See the school office and/or website for information on how to order.

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#### **4 Jewellery**

If a child wishes to have his/her ear(s) pierced, we ask that this be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the healing process is complete by the time school starts again in September and the ear stud can be removed. Only stud earrings should be worn and these must be removed for PE.

No other jewellery other than a watch should be worn. Exceptions may be made for religious artefacts whose removal is expressly forbidden.

No friendship bands or wish bands, other than the Academy Reward bands.

#### **5 Hair and make-up**

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts or colouring that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hair bands, clips etc should be discreet designs in colours compatible with school colours and only used in order to keep hair in place. Long hair should be tied back for practical subjects, including P.E. No make-up or nail varnish may be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake 'tattoos' are not appropriate.

#### **6 Footwear**

Footwear should be sensible and appropriate for school activities and should be completely black in colour.

Trainers and high heeled shoes are not appropriate, although plain black "trainer look" shoes are allowed.

Boots should be plain black, waterproof ie. Ugg boots are not acceptable.

#### **7 Seasonal safety**

All children require a coat in school when the weather is changeable, cold or wet. On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by:

- wearing a hat or cap
- wearing an appropriate SPF sun-screen that has been applied at home, or that they have brought to school to apply themselves (adults in school are not permitted to apply sun-screen).
- wellingtons of any colour are acceptable during severe weather, but children would be expected to change into their regular Academy shoes when entering the building.

#### **8 Changes**

Where changes to the uniform are considered the Governing Body will:

- consider the timeframe for introducing a new Uniform Policy or amending an existing one;
- take into account the views of parents and pupils on significant changes to school uniform policy;
- consider the cost, the available supply sources and year round availability of the proposed uniform to ensure it is providing best value for money for parents;

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- ensure that the PE uniform is practical, comfortable and appropriate to the activity involved,
- consider how the introduction of the proposed uniform policy might affect each group represented in the school and any existing suppliers;
- The Governing Body will consider carefully reasonable requests to vary this policy, in particular to meet the needs of any individual pupil to accommodate their religion or belief, ethnicity, disability or other special considerations.