

Uniform Policy	
Policy Ref:	Gen017
Purpose	To set out a clear approach to uniform at the Academy.
Committees	Staff and Pupil Wellbeing
Other linked policies	
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1. It is our Academy policy that all children wear school uniform when attending the Academy, representing the Academy, or when participating in an Academy-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

2. Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- creates a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents; and
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3. The Academy uniform is as follows:

- Dark grey skirt, shorts or trousers.
Skirts should not be 'tight' or skin tight. The hem should sit below the mid-thigh but – just above the knee if desired. It must be no shorter.
- Light blue polo shirt (with or without Academy logo).
- Dark blue sweater or cardigan with Academy logo.
- Blue and white checked summer dresses.
- Socks/tights – white, black or grey. No patterns or characters.
- Those wishing to wear headscarves may do so and these should be plain and dark in colour.

5. The Academy uniform for shoes is as follows:

- Black shoes (not boots) - sensible, flat and without flashing heels.
- Wellies can be worn when the children are in the school grounds.
- During periods of inclement weather pupils may wear black leather style boots (not Ugg style).

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6. The Academy requirements in connection with pupils hair is as follows:

- Pupils with long hair must wear this tied back in a bobble or clip
- Bows/bobbles/clips/hairbands should be in the Academy colours.
- No embellishments or glitter.
- Hair styles should be appropriate and not extreme.

*Extreme hair styles include hair extensions, hair pieces, donut bun rings, patterns in hair, hair dyes and hair chalks (hair should be a 'natural' colour, severe difference in length across the hair style (Mohican/partly shaved). Braiding and weaves are not permitted unless for cultural reasons, in which case only colours matching the natural hair should be used.

7. Our policy for pupils wearing jewellery is that pupils may wear a watch and one pair of plain studs only whilst at the academy. *Smart/ electronic watches of any kind must not be worn. If jewellery or smart watches are worn, they will be removed and kept for safe keeping then sent home with the pupil.

8. Pupils are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish of any kind. Temporary tattoos should also not be worn to the Academy.

9. The Academy PE kit is as follows:

- Black sports shorts and plain black t-shirt
- Black pumps or trainers without flashing heels
- In colder weather, children may wear black joggers/leggings and their academy jumper. Sportswear worn for warmth must be in academy colours and not include large graphics or brands.

10. The Academy requirements for school bags are as follows:

- Children should bring a book bag (Inspire Academy logo optional, any colour acceptable)
- Children may also bring a drawstring P.E bag for any additional items (Inspire Academy logo optional, any colour acceptable)
- Children on packed lunches may bring a packed lunch box
- Children must not bring backpacks, rucksacks or any other type of bag not listed above as we do not have the space to store these.

11. All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

*If wearing the incorrect uniform, children may be given spares of the correct uniform to wear. Parents will be made aware that uniform is incorrect and given the opportunity to make the necessary corrections. If incorrect uniform persists and there are no exceptional/ extenuating circumstances, sanctions may be applied.

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