



Alderby Steeple CE Primary School

Uniform Policy

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Aims

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils (particularly on external visits) in order to maintain good order and identify anyone not part of our school more easily.

We also believe that school uniform prevents the inevitable loss of self-esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment.

The Governors at Alderby Steeple CE Primary School will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variations will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head Teacher and the Governing Body. Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

Uniform (Preschool)

Preschool children have the option to wear a school jumper, however this is **optional** and they may wear non-uniform. We do ask that they wear clothes which are suitable and which enable them to access many practical and outdoor learning activities.

Uniform (Reception to Year 6)

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we **require** all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of:

- Grey/black skirt or pinafore dress of appropriate length
- Grey/black trousers - long or short (no jeans or leggings)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school logo
- Pale blue or white polo-shirt
- Black, grey, navy or white socks/tights
- Blue and white checked summer dresses/skirts (**Summer Uniform**)
- Grey/Black shorts (**Summer Uniform**)

A school fleece and shower-proof jacket with the school logo are **optional** and can be purchased along with all uniform from www.school-shop.co.uk Children need a suitable coat, to reflect the weather conditions (Seasonal) in school with them at all times. Children will access the outdoor environment throughout the school year.

Footwear

- Black, flat, sensible shoes **(Required)**
- Winter footwear - children may wear flat, black/brown boots. **(Optional)**
- Summer footwear - appropriate fitted plain sandals with a back strap or black school shoes may be worn.

Second Hand Uniform

Second hand uniform is available through Friends of Ainderby Steeple (FASS). Contact the School Office for FASS contact details.

P.E. and Games Kit

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. All long hair should be tied back. Appropriate footwear is essential: trainers for outside wear and plimsolls or bare feet for indoor PE.

- Children to wear black/navy shorts **(Required)**
- Plain white t-shirt/polo shirt Grey/Black shorts **(Required)**
- Black plimsolls for indoor PE **(Required)**
- Trainers for outdoor PE **(Required)**
- Plain dark colour (black or navy) tracksuit bottoms can be worn in colder weather. **(Optional)**
- School jumper or PE hoodie when colder weather **(Optional)**

This should all be kept in a named drawstring shoe bag. The kit should be kept in school and taken home at the end of each half term to be washed. If external circumstances mean these arrangements have to change parents will be informed in the weekly letter.

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES MUST BE IDENTIFIED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME

Swimming Kit

All long hair must be tied back.

Children need:

- a towel **(Required)**
- swimming trunks or a swimming costume, **(Required)**
- Goggles **(Optional)**
- brush or comb, carried in a waterproof bag. **(Required)**

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery for all pupils is not allowed, especially as individuals become very upset if a piece of jewellery goes missing. If a pupil has pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn and must be removed or covered by the child or parent/carer before any PE lessons. Teachers are not responsible for removing or inserting ear studs. Watches may be worn to school; however, they must be removed before any PE lessons.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery brought to school which is lost.

Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body

- The Headteacher will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body.

- The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.
- The Governing Body will be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform and will handle it respectfully, considering fully the issues raised. The Governing Body will aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- The Headteacher and Governing body will ensure best value for money and good quality when appointing suppliers.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fund raising.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes with the Governors following the complaints procedure.
- Parents will contact school if there is a genuine reason why their child is not wearing the school uniform so that it can be discussed.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as equality and diversity and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Ainderby Steeple CE Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

The headteacher, or a person authorised by the headteacher, will contact parents to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform.

Cost of Uniform

We are happy for children to wear uniform which does not have the school logo on the jumper/cardigan as long as it is the same colour, therefore it doesn't have to be bought from the recommended uniform site. We ask that people donate good condition uniform back to school when a child grows out of it; we can then pass it on at minimal cost through FASS to other families, making it affordable for all.

Agreed by Governors and staff:

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