



Ark White City Primary Academy

Uniform Policy 2023-2024

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our academy's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the Uniform Policy. Our academy uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as an academy community and it promotes a strong and cohesive academy identity which supports high standards in all areas of academy life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the academy and enhances security.

Items with prices marked can be purchased from our uniform providers, Khalsa, via their website: khalsaschoolwear.co.uk. All other items can be purchased readily from supermarkets, high street clothing retailers, or uniform shops.

Nursery

Nursery children wear a comfortable, practical uniform which consists of:

- Navy blue plain tracksuit trousers
- Navy blue sweatshirt with Ark White City Primary logo (£11)
- A plain white polo shirt





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In warmer weather, children may wear:

- Navy gingham dress
- Navy shorts



Reception and Years 1 – 4

All children wear a comfortable and smart uniform appropriate for lessons. This can be made up of the items below.

- Ark White City Primary Academy cardigan or jumper (£18.50 - £20.50)
- Navy skirt, navy pinafore dress, or navy trousers
- White shirt or blouse (long-sleeved or short-sleeved)
- Navy tights, navy or black socks
- Smart black school shoes
- Plain navy tie



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In warmer weather, children may wear:

- Navy shorts with white shirt/blouse
- Navy gingham dress



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Years 5 and 6

As leaders and representatives of our school community, pupils in Year Five and Year Six will be provided with an Ark White City Primary Academy school blazer.

- Ark White City Primary Academy branded school blazer





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PE Kit: Reception, Years 1 - 6

All pupils will need a PE kit in school every day. It should be brought to school in a clearly labelled bag on a Monday and taken home every Friday.

- Plain white polo shirt
- Plain navy shorts
- Plain navy tracksuit trousers



In colder weather, children may wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan with their PE kit. Other hoodies and sweatshirts are not permitted.

Footwear

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, all black plain shoes with a flat sole. Footwear with flashing lights is not appropriate for school. Boots are not allowed. All black or all white closed-toed plimsolls can be worn in the summer (Easter – end of summer term).

Trainers or plimsolls must be worn with the school PE kit and be brought into school each week.



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Acceptable	Unacceptable
	

General

Outdoor clothing

Children should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during warmer weather.

Bags and belongings

A high visibility bookbag or backpack is recommended for carrying books, homework, letters, and other materials to and from school.

Hats, Headscarves or Headwear

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the school building unless it is due to religious or cultural values. Any head covering for religious or cultural values or hair accessories such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in school colours (blue, gold, or white).

Hairstyles

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and professional at all times. Long hair should be tied back neatly using bobbles/hair-ties in school colours (blue, gold or white).



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Fingernail Polish and Make-Up

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed.

Jewellery/Accessories

Pupils may wear one watch only (no sound effects or games). Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings, and they must be worn in the lower ear lobe. No other jewellery is allowed. All studs must be removed for PE or taped. *Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.*

Body Piercing and Tattoos

Body piercing is prohibited - with the exception of single, standard ear piercing. No other forms of body piercing will be allowed for any pupil. Pupils are not allowed to have tattoos of any kind on their body.

Naming Clothing and Property

VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in the lost property box located in the school office. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through this cupboard. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is disposed of at the end of term and given to a local children's charity.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Good quality, nearly new uniform will be available from the academy (a little while after opening). We plan to run this second-hand uniform shop where good quality items can be picked up at a lower cost.

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 race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Ark White City Primary Academy 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.