



School Uniform Policy

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Overview

At Albemarle it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, and when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. School uniform is part of the school ethos and in coming to Albemarle, parents agree to support our policy.

The purpose of having a school uniform is that it creates a sense of belonging for our children. It promotes a sense of pride and self-confidence, and studies have shown that it contributes to children's wellbeing, as it removes the pressure of deciding what to wear and of meeting the expectations of what their peers are wearing. A consistent uniform helps create a shared sense of identity and belonging across the school.

Uniform can be purchased from Stich Design:

https://www.stitchdesign.co.uk/uniform/Albemarle_Primary_School_SW19_6JP

Aims

At Albemarle our 5 R's are embedded in school life and create an ethos which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school uniform policy reflects the pride we take in our school uniform, and the logo unites the children and helps them to develop a sense of belonging. We encourage all children to take pride in their appearance and expect all children to wear the school's uniform.

Main School Uniform

All children to wear white polo shirts in all year groups except Year 6. Children in year 6 should wear a white shirt (either long or short sleeved) and a school tie. All Year 6 children will be provided with a new tie when they start Year 6. If they lose this tie, then parents can purchase replacements from Stich Design.

Children may wear:

- Charcoal trousers
- Charcoal shorts (summer term)
- Charcoal pinafore dress
- Charcoal pleated skirt
- School summer dress (summer term)

All children should have a blue crew neck sweatshirt or cardigan.

Optional fleece jackets and a waterproof school coat are available to purchase from Stich design.

Religious and Cultural Considerations

The school welcomes reasonable requests for adaptations to the uniform to meet religious, cultural or disability-related needs. Such requests should be discussed with the Headteacher.

The school will make reasonable adjustments to uniform expectations where required to accommodate pupils' medical needs, disabilities or special educational needs.

PE kit

On PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE Kit.

- All children to wear sky blue PE T-Shirt.
- All children to wear navy PE shorts.
- All children to wear PE Training Top
- All children to wear PE Training Pants
- All children to wear white sports socks.
- All children to wear appropriate trainers in muted colours to allow them to take part in a range of sports and activities.

Plain navy training pants and a plain training top may be worn where branded items are unavailable.

Bags, Shoes and Trainers

When wearing uniform, all children should be wearing appropriate smart black canvas shoes for school.

Trainers are not appropriate footwear on uniform days.

- Children wearing trousers or shorts should wear charcoal, black or white socks.
- Children wearing skirts, pinafores or summer dresses may wear white socks or plain navy or black tights.
- In the lower school, children will need a book bag. This is to be used from Nursery through Year 2.
- Children in Key Stage 2 should bring a suitable backpack or school bag. Branded school backpacks are available to purchase but are not compulsory.

General Hair

All children, whatever their gender, should have hair out of their faces during the school day. Where hair is long enough to interfere with learning, physical activity or safety, it should be tied back.

Jewellery and watches

The only jewellery allowed in school are studded earrings and plain watches; please ensure your child does not wear other earrings (e.g. dangly/hoops), or other jewellery such as necklaces or bracelets to school. This is part of our uniform policy and for the health and safety of children. Smart watches with communication, recording or internet-enabled functions are not permitted. If there is a religious reason for wearing a particular item of jewellery, please seek permission from the head teacher.

Make Up

Please note, wearing any kind of make up at school is not permitted.

Lip balm or hand cream

If your child has dry lips or skin and you feel they need balm or cream, please ensure this is handed to their class teacher or a school leader at the start of the school day. This should not be coloured lip-balm.

Medicated creams

If your child needs a medicated or prescribed cream (or any other medication), please complete a medication permission form at the main office.

Nail Varnish

Nail varnish is not allowed.

Temporary Tattoos

Temporary tattoos are not allowed and must be washed off thoroughly before school.

Labelling Uniform

Children will, inevitably, misplace items of uniform throughout the school day. Please ensure that all your child's uniform items are clearly labelled with their name. This allows staff to be able to return items once they have been found. Please note, the school accepts no liability for lost items of uniform.

Affordability

The school is committed to ensuring that the cost of school uniform is reasonable and does not act as a barrier to attendance or participation. In line with statutory guidance, the school seeks to minimise the number of branded items required and will regularly review uniform requirements to ensure they remain affordable for families. Parents experiencing difficulty in purchasing uniform are encouraged to contact the school confidentially for support.

Supporting Families with Uniform

The school recognises that there may occasionally be circumstances that prevent a child from attending school in full uniform. Where this occurs, the school will work sensitively with families to understand the reason and provide support where appropriate.

Parents and carers having trouble in purchasing uniform, or requiring support with uniform requirements, are encouraged to contact the school confidentially.

The school will always seek to resolve uniform concerns through partnership with families and pupils will not be excluded from education solely for breaches of the school uniform policy.

Role of the Head Teacher and Governing Body

The Head teacher and governing body have a duty of care to ensure that all children feel a sense of belonging and wear school uniform with pride.

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.