



School Uniform Policy

Northwold

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Signed (Chair of Trust Board):	
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Arbor Academy Trust reviews this policy annually. The Trustees may, however, review the policy earlier than this, if the Government introduces new regulations, or if the Trust receives recommendations on how the policy might be improved. This document is also available in other formats e.g. e-mail and enlarged print version, on request to the School Offices and is displayed on the schools' websites.

1. Introduction

It is the Trust's policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and attached at Appendix 1.

2. Aims and Objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders 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;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

4. Extreme Haircuts

The Trust does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

5. Footwear

The Trust wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in any of our schools. We do not allow children to wear trainers (unless for PE lessons) or boots to school. This is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

6. Cost of school uniform

The school does not require branded items for school uniform. Generic items which are widely available across a number of suppliers are appropriate school uniform. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the colour and style requirements.

7. Provision of second-hand uniforms

Second-hand school uniforms are available for parents to acquire through periodic second-hand uniform sales or swap shops through the school Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Details of dates and times will be published on the school website for parents and perspective parents.

8. PE Kits

The school does not require different P.E. kits for different sports. Options for appropriate P.E. kit to match the warmer and colder months are listed. No branded items are required for P.E.

9.. The Role of Parents

- a) We ask all parents who send their children to our schools to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- b) If any parent would like the Trust to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher/ Head of school. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the Trust will look sympathetically at such requests.

10. The Role of Local Governing Board

- c) The Local Governing Board supports the Headteacher/ Head of School in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher/ Head of school to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- a) It is the Local Governing Board's responsibility to ensure that the Trust uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- b) Local Governing Boards ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

11. Monitoring and review

The Local Governing Board monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher/ Head of School to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Appendix 1

Northwold School Uniform

School uniform should be chosen from the agreed items below.

White collared shirt
Charcoal grey dropped waist pinafore
Charcoal grey skirt
Charcoal grey trousers
Charcoal grey shorts
Grey tights
Grey headscarves
White socks
Black school shoes
Red school jumper
Red school cardigan
Red school fleece

P.E. kit

White t-shirt
Black P.E. shorts
Black tracksuit bottoms/ top
Black trainers/ plimsoles

Red Bookbag