

Uniform Requirements

We take pride in each and every one of our pupils at the academy and know that they are equally proud to be wearing their academy badge on their uniforms.

Please read this guidance, alongside the [Uniform Policy](#) which outlines responsibilities held by the academy, parents/carers and students. You can also access this policy through our Policies page.

Why do we have a uniform?

We recognise the value of having academy uniforms for the following reasons:

- **Inclusion** – uniforms promote our belief of inclusion for all
- **A sense of belonging** – the uniform promotes a sense of belonging in each student, academy and the Trust
- **Safety** – if all the students in our Trust wear a clearly recognisable, correctly branded uniform it is easy to identify strangers in the academy. On the way to and from the academy it also affords a degree of safety as the students are part of a large body of young people who will look out for each other
- **Preparation for the future** – many jobs require staff to wear a uniform and even if there isn't a uniform there is often a dress code. Uniform helps young people get used to dressing to a prescribed standard. It also helps them know the difference between formal and informal dress
- **Value for money** – good quality uniform should be seen as effective value for money by most parents / carers
- **Relieves students from fashion 'stress'** – a localised academy uniform eliminates the stress placed on students to purchase and wear expensive, fashionable items
- **A sense of pride** – we all feel proud of our young people when they are well dressed in the uniform. Uniform and PE/sport kits also help students to demonstrate pride in their academy
- **Helps raise aspirations** – the smarter you feel the more you believe you can achieve

Uniform Suppliers

You can purchase uniform from any supermarkets such as Asda George, Sainsburys TU, Tesco F&F etc. Please note that branded items are only available from Uniformbase, 11 Railway Street, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4HU or visit <http://www.uniformbase.co.uk/>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the academy.

Primary Uniform

| Item | Is this a branded item? | Optional or required? | All year or seasonal? |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Purple Sweatshirt/ Cardigan (Academy Logo) | Yes | Required | All Year |
| Navy Polo Shirt (Academy Logo) | Yes | Optional | All Year |
| White Polo Shirt | No | Optional | All Year |
| Black Shorts | No | Optional | Seasonal |
| Black Trousers | No | Optional | All Year |
| Black Skirt/ Pinafore Dress | No | Optional | All Year |
| Purple Gingham Dress | No | Optional | Seasonal |
| Black/White Socks or Tights | No | Optional | All Year |

Primary PE Kit

| Item | Is this a branded item? | Optional or required? | All year or seasonal? |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Tee Shirt (House Colour with Academy Logo) | Yes | Required | All Year |
| Tee Shirt (House Colour) | No | Required | All Year |
| Black Shorts | No | Optional | Seasonal |
| Black Jogging Bottoms | No | Optional | All Year |
| Black PE Shoes/ Trainers | No | Optional | All Year |

Appearance/Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted, except for children with pierced ears, who may wear studs on those days when they do not have swimming or PE. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons. If a child's ears have very recently been pierced, they may wear their studs provided that they are covered with tape by parents/carers, before they come to the Academy. Once the lesson is over, they may remove the tape.

The Academy is a centre of learning and does not allow children to wear 'extreme' hairstyles that could serve as a distraction to the child or other children's learning.

Personal Belongings

Children do not need to bring any items from home, unless otherwise required for any projects etc. Mobile phones may only be brought into the academy by children in Year 5 / 6 who have parental consent to walk home at the end of the school day. All Mobile phones must be handed into the school office and then returned before the end of the school day. The school accepts no responsibility for lost items.

Physical Education

For safety reasons, all jewellery should be removed for all PE activities and long hair should be tied up. If children are unable to remove jewellery, it should be covered with tap.

All children are to arrive to school dressed in their full Academy PE kit on their PE day.

Religious items

Some children may wish to wear distinctive garments for religious reasons. As an academy we consult with our parents and community representatives to determine which religious garments are allowed at school.

Religious head coverings may be worn but must be plain and black, navy blue or white. Students may wear long, ankle-length skirts, instead of knee-length skirts or trousers. Students may wear long tracksuit bottoms for PE instead of shorts

No dress will be allowed that covers any part of the face from forehead to neck in the interests of safety. It is vital that the academy staff can always recognise who is in the academy.

Should parents/carers require their child to wear a specifically religious garment or symbol, they should contact the academy (i.e., the Principal) who, after consultation, will contact the parent/carer with a decision. The wearing of religious symbols or other insignia is permitted; however, these will need to be covered and in the case of necklaces and bracelets be able to be removed for PE.

Second hand uniform

To ensure that uniforms are affordable for everyone and to reduce our carbon footprint, we have arranged for acquiring or swapping items for second-hand items.

Please contact our main office if you require second hand uniform from our pre-loved uniform shop.

Uniform costs and support

The academy takes the cost of the uniform seriously and works hard to ensure that those items that are required can be purchased for a reasonable price that provides good value.

If any parents are concerned about the cost of uniform items, please contact the Principal **Mrs V Richmond** via email office@oasis Skinner Street.org so we can explore what support is