



Striving for Excellence

Ark Oval Primary Academy

UNIFORM POLICY 2015

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Introduction

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community 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.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

We have a required school uniform for several reasons:

- Uniforms unite the school. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their Oval uniform they will abide by the rules of the community.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. We are focused on achieving success. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is the potential to talk about fashions and styles rather than learning.
- Uniforms make us all equal. Whether families have high incomes or low incomes, the pupils come to school looking the same way. No one has to feel bad about the clothes they have or don't have.
- Uniforms look professional. Pupils look neat and ready to learn.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

Pupils will not be allowed to attend class if they are not dressed in the appropriate uniform. Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear their uniform correctly will be contacted and asked to bring a uniform. If this is not possible then pupils in the EYFS and KS1 will be provided with the uniform, they are missing. The parent or carer will then be expected to collect their child from the school office at the end of the school day to discuss the issue. Pupils in KS2 will be educated away from their class and parents and carers contacted.

There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the Headteacher either in person or by letter. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. In line with our culture of honest conversation with parents and carers, we encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, or wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of what is the revised dress code on these days.

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, Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. ARK Oval 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.

UNIFORM DETAILS

Girls	Boys
<p>Autumn/Winter/Spring Fine knit V-neck jumper or cardigan (Ark maroon + grey stripe) with Oval logo White shirt long or short sleeved* School Tie Grey skirt/pinafore OR grey trousers* Grey/black tights OR grey socks* Grey blazer with maroon trim and Oval logo for years 5 and 6.</p> <p>Summer (From 1st May) Red and white gingham dress* (white or red shorts may be worn underneath) White socks* OR Grey skirt* White Socks*</p> <p>PE Kit <i>Indoor & Outdoor (Summer)</i> T-shirt (maroon) with Oval logo Shorts (white) Tracksuit (maroon) with Conway logo For PE appropriate footwear is essential: trainers (Velcro fastening for EYFS and KSI) or plimsolls should be worn or bare feet for gymnastics only.</p>	<p>Autumn/Winter/Spring Fine knit V-neck jumper (Oval Blue + gold stripe) with Oval logo White shirt long or short sleeved* School Tie Grey trousers* Grey/black socks* Grey blazer with maroon trim and Oval logo for years 5 and 6.</p> <p>Summer (From 1st May) Grey shorts* Grey socks*</p> <p>PE Kit <i>Indoor & Outdoor (Summer)</i> T-shirt (maroon) with Oval logo Shorts (white) Tracksuit (maroon) with Oval logo For PE appropriate footwear is essential: trainers (Velcro fastening for EYFS and KSI) or plimsolls should be worn or bare feet for gymnastics only.</p>

*All the items above are readily available from the high street – if parents and carers find any item difficult to obtain, please contact the school office. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense and can be purchased from our online School Shop or at the School Office.

Outdoor clothing

Children should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather. Smart, showerproof, jacket-style coats, with embroidered Oval logo, are available. Hats and scarves are also available in school colours but should not to be worn inside the school building.

Bags and belongings

A high-visibility bookbag with Oval logo is recommended for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from school. Rucksacks and large bags should not be brought into school. A high-visibility PE bag with Oval logo is also available for carrying PE kit to and from school.

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. Girls may wear **all black** or **all white** closed-toed sandals as part of the summer uniform only (1st May onwards). Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
Girls' Shoes (*Summer Only)	
	

Boys' Shoes



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 reasons. Any head covering for religious or cultural values or hair accessories that are worn such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in school colours (maroon or grey). A school hat with Oval logo is available for both summer and winter outdoor wear.

Hairstyles

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and professional at all times. Long hair on both girls and boys should be tied back neatly in school colours (grey or maroon). This is not only for reasons of smartness, appearance and health and safety: Pupils' faces should not be obscured as the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning and to secure their participation in discussions and practical activities. Pupils may not wear designs or words cut into their hair or permanent or temporary coloured hair.

Fingernail Polish or Make-Up

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

Jewellery/Accessories

Pupils may not wear any jewellery except for 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. 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 cupboard. 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.

Second-hand Uniform

Any unwanted items of uniform may be given to the school office. We will be developing a second hand uniform sale in the future.