



POLICY FOR UNIFORM

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1. Aims and objectives

Our policy on academy uniforms is based on the belief that academy uniforms:

- promotes a sense of pride in our academy
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging
- creates equality amongst pupils regardless of background
- identifies the children with the academy
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- supports the transition to high school for older pupils

We aim to make sure our uniform is available at a reasonable cost and provides the best value for money, whilst meeting the above objectives.

We will do this by:

- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year groups or extra-curricular activities
- Providing the option for parents to buy second-hand uniform items if available.
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications

2. Expectations for the Academy Uniform

Blenheim Park uniform

- Red sweatshirt/cardigan
- Black or grey trousers or shorts
- Black or grey skirt
- White or red polo shirts
- Black socks or tights
- Black shoes



When the weather is cold, children should attend with a warm/waterproof coat, hat and gloves.

Optional summer uniform for summer Term

- Red and white checked dress
- Sun hat and sun cream

PE Kit

- Plain black or red shorts /skort
- Plain white t-shirt
- Black pumps with non-marking soles
- Years 2-6 may wear trainers for outdoor games
- Outdoor PE - black joggers and plain sweatshirt

Outdoor wear

- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Wellies or sturdy boots (to be able to go on the grassed areas)
- Children should bring a spare set of clothes and socks into academy in case of emergencies.

3. Where to buy the academy uniform

Branded academy uniforms can be purchased from: -

Stratfords Ltd, 17-19 Hamburg Way, North Lynn Industrial Estate, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 2ND

Call: 01553 772043; Monday to Friday 8am to 4.30pm

EMAIL: orders@stratfords.com

Website: [Blenheim Park Primary School – Stratfords](#)

4. Jewellery

It is not appropriate for children to wear jewellery. Small plain stud earrings may be worn which must be covered for PE. Smartwatches must not be worn.

5. Hairstyles

Hairstyles should be appropriate for academy i.e. no designs cut into the hair, no extremely short hair or bright coloured highlights. All long hair should be tied back. Headbands or hair bobbles should be plain and not oversized.

6. Academy Bags

Children have the option to purchase a book bag in Reception, this should be used throughout Key Stage 1 to maintain the quality of our academy books.

Water bottles should be carried separately or in a small backpack so they are kept away from academy books. This prevents any spillages damaging books and spoiling their use for other children.

Large bags should not be brought into academy as they are difficult for the children to carry.

7. Expectations of the academy community

Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-academy uniform days) while:

- on the academy premises
- travelling to and from
- at out-of-academy events or trips that are organised by the academy, or where they are representing the academy (if required)

Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to ensure children wear the correct uniform. Pupils and parents will be allowed to comply with the uniform policy but will refer to the Headteacher if the situation doesn't improve. In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolve the situation.

Parents and Carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit and every item are:

- clean
- in good condition
- clearly labelled with their child's name

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the academy uniform in a timely and reasonable manner. Disputes will be resolved locally following our Trust's

complaints policy. The academy will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Governors

The governing body will review this policy and make sure that it:

- is appropriate for our academy's context
- is implemented fairly across the academy
- offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the academy's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money.

8. Equality Impact Assessment

We are committed to promoting equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this academy.

9. Review

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years, although, if required, minor changes may be made in the interim.

10. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

Equality information and objectives

Anti-bullying policy

Complaints policy