



Ark Tindal Primary Academy Uniform Policy

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 family 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:

- Uniform unites the school. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their Ark Tindal uniform that they will abide by the rules of the community.
- Uniform reduces distractions. We are focussed on achieving success. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is more talk about fashion and style than learning.
- Uniform makes 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 do not have.
- Uniform looks 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

Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear their uniform correctly will be contacted and asked to bring correct uniform. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the uniform they are missing to borrow, where possible. 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. A date by which the child will be in full uniform will be set. Internal exclusion will occur if this deadline is missed.

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There may be good reason why a child is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the Head of School 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 parent or carer is unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. In line with our culture of honest conversation with parents or carers, we encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

There will be the 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 the revised dress code is on these days.

Racial Equality and 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 all policies such as race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual set of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Ark Tindal 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

Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. Please name all uniform.

Available from Clive Mark schoolwear, Kings Heath	Available from supermarkets, clothes shops etc.
Academy Jumper with logo (V neck NOT sweatshirt) Blazer (Years 5 and 6 only) School tie School Book Bag PE Kit White polo shirt with Academy logo Academy PE bag Nursery only Tracksuit top with Academy logo Tracksuit bottoms	White school shirt with buttons (not polo shirt) To avoid confusion pupils may wear one of the following: grey trousers, skirts, formal shorts, dresses Green checked summer dresses Grey tights (not leggings) Grey or black socks Black school shoes PE Kit Black shorts Black, grey or teal jogging bottoms Black, grey or teal sweatshirt (not hooded) Plimsolls or trainers

Outdoor Clothing

Children should bring a dark, plain coat to school each day, apart from during hotter weather. Hat, scarves and gloves are not to be worn inside the school building and must be plain blue, black or dark grey.

Bags and Belongings

A book bag with the Ark Tindal Primary Academy logo is available for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from school. Rucksacks and large bags should not be brought into 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 in school, although in the winter they may be worn to school and the children may change into shoes once in the building. Open-toed sandals are not to be worn, even in the summer term. As part of our PE uniform, pupils may wear plain trainers or plimsolls.

Hats, Headscarves and 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, bobbles etc., should be plain and in school colours of black or grey. Headscarves should be short and of the pull on style. During PE pupils must change into a sports style headscarf for safety reasons. Scarf pins are not acceptable at any time.

Hair Styles

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and professional at all times. Mohawks are not permitted. Long hair on both boys and girls should be tied back neatly in school colours. Pupils may not wear designs, words or shapes into their hair (or have lines shaved into eyebrows) 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 one watch only (no sound effects or games). Girls are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings (no hoops/ large earrings), and they must be worn in the lower earlobe. All items of jewellery need to be taken off during PE lessons. *Please note that the school will be unable to take responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.* Henna, following religious observance, will be allowed.

Water Bottles

All pupils are provided with an Academy water bottle. The first bottle is provided free of charge. Only Academy water bottles may be used in lessons.

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 pupil's property and valuables.

Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in the lost property box located by the main staircase, near the Academy Office. Please ask the Office if you wish to look through this. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is disposed of at the end of each term and given to the local children's charity.

Second-hand Uniform

Any unwanted items of uniform may be given to the Academy Office. Second-hand clothing will be used to dress those pupils who come to school incorrectly dressed.