

UNIFORM POLICY AUTUMN 2017

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:

- Uniform creates a special identity and belonging to the Academy.
- Uniform is cost effective for parents and carers especially as the children get older and become more fashion conscious.
- Younger children may find it easier to dress in uniform as they get regular practice putting on and taking off the same clothes.
- Uniform helps to combat arguments in the morning about what to wear.
- Uniform stops children from feeling different.
- Uniform helps to maintain behaviour and discipline

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 a uniform. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the uniform they are missing.

There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with a member of the Leadership team, 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. Specifically, our uniform requirements are not gender-specific. 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.

Applegarth Academy is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

UNIFORM DETAILS

	Girls	Boys
School Uniform	Black school shoes or plain black trainers	Black school shoes or plain black trainers
	White Polo shirt or white blouse	White shirt or white polo shirt
	Grey or Black skirt, pinafore or trousers	Grey or Black trousers
	Plain grey/white/black socks, long socks, or tights	Plain grey/white/black socks
	School sweatshirt with logo	School sweatshirt with logo
	Navy and white checked summer dress	Grey or black shorts
	Single stud allowed	Single stud allowed
	Own coat	Own coat
	PE Kit	Other items
ALL YEARS	White T-Shirt (with school logo on the front)	Navy book bag with logo
	Black or grey shorts or tracksuit bottoms and sweater	Navy PE bag with logo
	Black plimsolls or plain black trainers	Water bottle
	School Celebration T-Shirts	
	Swimming caps	

Ordering uniform items:

Most items can be purchased via our Online Shop:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/applegarthacademycr09dl>

PE bags and Book bags can be purchased from the school's office. Items which can be purchased directly from any store need to match Applegarth Academy requirements.

Outdoor clothing

Children should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather. Hats and scarves should not to be worn inside the school building.

Bags and belongings

A book bag with the Applegarth logo is needed for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from school.

A PE bag with the Applegarth Academy logo is also available for carrying PE kits 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. Wellington boots may be worn for outdoor use in adverse weather conditions and specified school trips. Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term.

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.

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 (blue or white).

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). Please,

note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches that are lost.

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 box. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is disposed of at the end of every week and given to a local charity.

Second-hand Uniform

Any unwanted items of uniform may be given to the school office.