



Aspire Discover Achieve Discovery Primary Academy

UNIFORM POLICY

Introduction

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our academy's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Our Academy Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as an academy community and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of academy life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the academy, and it enhances security.

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

We have a required academy uniform for several reasons:

- Uniforms unite the academy. When they put on their Discovery uniform, they make a commitment that 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 academy looking the same way. No one has to feel uncomfortable about the clothes they have or don't have.
- Uniforms look professional. Pupils look smart and ready to learn. We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by academy staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate.

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

Pupils will be spoken to if they are not dressed in the appropriate uniform. Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear their uniform correctly will be contacted by e-mail or letter. The expectation will be for the pupil to be in academy uniform by the next school day.

There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing the academy uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the Headteacher either in person or by letter.

The academy 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 uniform. In line with our culture of honest conversation with parents and carers, we encourage discussion with the academy at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties. There will be occasions when the academy decides that 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 academy 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. Discovery 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</p> <p>Girls</p> <p>KS1</p> <p>Light blue polo shirt with the Discovery logo</p> <p>Navy blue sweatshirt with the Discovery logo</p> <p>Navy blue Cardigan with the Discovery logo can be worn with pinafores or summer dresses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Grey skirt, pinafore or grey trousers * Black tights or grey/white socks <p>Summer Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Blue and white gingham dress or the above uniform * White or grey socks <p>KS2</p> <p>Fine knit V-neck jumper with a light blue stripe and the Discovery logo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Light blue long sleeved shirt <p>Navy blue Cardigan with the Discovery logo can be worn with pinafores or summer dresses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Short sleeved light blue shirt can be worn in the summer * Skirt/pinafore or grey trousers * Black tights or grey/white socks <p>Year 3 and 4</p> <p>Navy academy tie</p> <p>Year 5 and 6</p> <p>Navy academy tie with a light blue stripe</p> <p>Summer Term (After Easter until October half term)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Blue and white gingham dress * White or grey socks <p>PE Kit Indoor & Outdoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * White T-shirt , black or navy shorts, black tracksuit 	<p>Autumn/Winter/Spring</p> <p>Boys</p> <p>KS1</p> <p>Light blue polo shirt with the Discovery logo</p> <p>Navy blue sweatshirt with the Discovery logo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Grey trousers *Grey or black socks <p>Summer Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Grey shorts or trousers * Grey or black socks <p>KS2</p> <p>Fine knit V-neck jumper with a light blue stripe and the Discovery logo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Light blue long sleeved shirt * Short sleeved light blue shirts can be worn in the summer * Grey trousers * Grey or black socks <p>Year 3 and 4</p> <p>Navy academy tie</p> <p>Year 5 and 6</p> <p>Navy academy tie with a light blue stripe</p> <p>Summer Term(After Easter until October half term)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Grey shorts or trousers * Grey or black socks <p>PE Kit Indoor & Outdoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * White T-shirt , black or navy shorts, black tracksuit

<p>* Trainers or plimsolls</p> <p>Appropriate footwear is essential for P.E. The children will have bare feet for gymnastics only.</p>	<p>* Trainers or plimsolls</p> <p>Appropriate footwear is essential for P.E. The children will have bare feet for gymnastics only.</p>
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*All the items above a readily available from the high street – if parents and carers find any item difficult to obtain, please contact the academy office. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense and can be purchased from our online shop. Please speak to the office for details.

Outdoor clothing. Children should bring a coat to the academy each day, apart from during the hotter weather.

Bags and belongings A book bag with Discovery logo is recommended for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from the academy. Rucksacks and large bags should not be brought into academy. A PE bag with Discovery logo is also available for carrying PE kit to and from the academy.

Footwear Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, all black plain shoes with a flat sole. Low heeled black boots are allowed in the winter. Girls may wear all black or all white closed-toed sandals as part of the summer uniform only (**Summer – after Easter holidays until October half term**). Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the summer term for health and safety reasons.

Hair Pupils’ hair should be neatly groomed and professional at all times. Long hair on both girls and boys should be tied back neatly in academy colours (blue or grey). 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.

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 academy will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery 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 academy cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils’ property and valuables.

Lost Property All mislaid items are placed in the lost property boxes in the atrium. Please ask the academy office if you wish to look through the box. 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.

Nearly New Uniform Any unwanted items of uniform may be given to the academy office. We will be developing a nearly new uniform shop in the future.

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