

Edlington Victoria Academy

School Uniform Policy

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1. Aims and Rationale:

It is our policy that all pupils attending Edlington Victoria Academy should wear school uniform when attending school. They may also be asked to wear uniform when participating in a school-organised event either within or out of normal school hours. Our policy is based on the notion that it:

- promotes a sense of pride in the academy
- provides a sense of community and belonging to the academy
- is practical and smart
- makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered to be good value for money by parents and carers
- has been designed with health and safety in mind

The school uniform policy is an integral part of the school's commitment to equality and inclusion. The Local Governing Body believes it allows all pupils to establish a shared Edlington Victoria Academy identity and celebrate what they have in common, whilst being able to exercise their individuality. All pupils are expected to adhere to the uniform policy.

Pupils have the option to wear uniform either with or without the school logo on. Most pieces of uniform are readily available at most supermarkets and clothing shops. You can order uniforms with the academy logo on items through S&S Clothing at www.ssclimbing.co.uk.

2. Our uniform consists of:

- red jumper, cardigan or fleece with/without the academy logo. If pupils are appointed to be a pupil parliament representative they will be issued with a purple jumper/polo.
- grey or black trousers (not leggings), skirt or smart school shorts in summer months
- white or red polo shirt
- sensible black shoes or smart black trainers (they should not have any other colours on them)
- a red and white checked summer dress may be worn in the summer months
- socks must match and be grey, black or white
- tights must be black or grey

3. PE Kit

- red t-shirt
- black shorts
- black pumps/trainers for indoor use
- trainers for outdoor use
- a black tracksuit can be worn for outdoor PE during the winter months

4. Jewellery, Headwear and make Up

Pupils are not permitted to wear jewellery to school (except for small studs and a watch) other than for cultural reasons. We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside the school buildings, except for cultural or religious reasons. No make-up should be worn including nail varnish. Any stud earrings need to be removed either before the PE lesson/swimming lesson or at home before the start of the day so that pupils can participate in the full curriculum.

Hairstyles:

Hairstyles should be neat and tidy so that they do not serve as a distraction to other pupils. Patterns shaved into hair and bright hair dye are not permitted. Where possible, long hair should be tied up for health and safety reasons.

Reasonable Requests for Variation of Uniform

The uniform policy has been adopted with consideration for ethnicity, religion and belief and disability. Legitimate requests for variation under health grounds will be considered on an individual basis by the Senior Leadership Team and will require medical evidence.

Role of Parents and Carers

We expect parents and carers to support the academy uniform policy if they choose to send their child to our academy. Uniform should be kept clean and in good repair. Please label all clothing so that if misplaced, it may be reunited with its owner. Unlabelled, unclaimed uniform may be considered the property of the school and be donated or disposed of.

5. Role of the School

Non-compliance with the school uniform policy should be addressed immediately and by any member of staff in the following way.

In the first instance a member of staff will talk to the pupil regarding the explanation for non-compliance and any possible remedial action that may be required. An appropriate timescale decided by the member of staff and based on circumstances at the time will be given. This may also be discussed informally with parents/carers to make them aware if there is need to do so.

If the pupil, after the given time period, does not comply with the uniform policy, there will be a letter sent home to parents/carers outlining which clothing item/hairstyle falls outside of the policy.

Where there is a continued failure to comply with the policy, parents/carers will be invited into school to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to resolve the problem.

Persistent breach of the policy could result in the pupil not being invited on school trips or to competitions as well as internal exclusion where necessary.

6. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually.

7. Policy Consideration

The policy has been written with consideration of the following documents and guidelines:

1. Department of Education School Uniform: Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities (2013)
2. Section 88 Education and Inspection Act (2006)
3. School Admission Code (2012)
4. Human Rights Act (1998)
5. Equality Act (2010)