



Uniform Policy

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Policy Information:

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Updates made since the last review:

Review date	Changes made	By whom
July 2022	New Policy	Headteacher

1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Mrs K Kulyk (Headteacher), who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible, for example, by only asking that the jumper features the school logo
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of:

- Grey trousers/skirt
- Navy blue HPA logo round-neck jumper or cardigan/ Plain Navy Blue round-neck jumper or cardigan
- White polo shirt HPA logo/ Plain White polo shirt
- Black Shoes (no trainers)

PE Kit

- Navy Blue HPA logo T Shirt / Plain Navy Blue T Shirt (No logos)
- Navy Blue shorts (No logos)
- Black Trainers
- Navy Blue HPA logo Hoodie/ Plain Navy Blue Hoodie (No logos)
- Navy Blue HPA logo Tracksuit Bottoms/ Plain Navy Blue tracksuit bottoms

Jewellery

- It is encouraged that pupils do not wear jewellery to school, especially as individuals could become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing.
- Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn and in order to comply with health and safety regulations, must be covered with a plaster or removed during all PE activities.

Please note that the academy will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

Watches

- Watches may be worn to school. However, they must be removed and collected by the class teacher before any PE lessons and sent to the school office in a container for safe storage.

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

Makeup

- No makeup or nail varnish should be worn on nails or toes.

Equipment

- Pencil cases should be of a standard size in order to not take up valuable desk space.
- No knives or sharp blades should be brought into the school in any circumstances.
- Mobile phones should not be brought into school without the permission of the Head Teacher. (Mobiles or portable equipment brought in are handed in as pupils arrive at school).
- No medicine should ever be brought to school by a child – with the exception of inhalers or Epi-pens (any medication is immediately handed to Mr A Pain).
- No 'swap' cards i.e. Pokemons, unless there has been phase group permission.
- No inappropriate books, videos or magazines.
- No money should be brought to school unless for a specific permissible purpose.
- Bags to carry equipment and belongings in should be of reasonable size as space in the cloakrooms is limited.

All items above are readily available from the high street – if parents and carers find it difficult to obtain any item, please contact the school. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code.

Hair

We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour.

Long hair should be tied back during physical education lessons for safety.

4.2 Where to purchase it

- Parents can purchase all High Point Academy branded school uniform direct from [Brigade School - Brigade Clothing, LTD](#). All orders are delivered directly to school.
- Parents are welcome to donate pre-loved uniform back to school in a clean and washed condition. Parents are welcome to contact the school to ask if we have any pre-loved uniform available. If parents would like to make a small donation to school fund they are welcome to do so.

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

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

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact Mrs K Kulyk (Headteacher) if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact Mrs K Kulyk (Headteacher) if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with in line with the school's behaviour policy.

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 resolving the situation.

5.4 Local Academy Council

The Local Academy Council (LAC) will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The Trust Board will also make sure that the Trust schools' uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually (or more frequently if required) by the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the Local Academy Council.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy