

# Archbishop Cranmer C. of E. Primary Academy

## Uniform Policy Academy Specific Appendix



*'Striving for Life in All its Fullness'*

John 10:10

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# This is the Archbishop Cranmer C of E Academy Specific Appendix and should be read in conjunction with the [Aspire Multi-Academy Trust Uniform Policy](#).

## Introduction

It is school policy that children must wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school organised events inside normal school hours

## Aims and objectives

We are extremely proud of our school *identity* and believe the wearing of a school uniform gives an immediate sense of belonging to our school community. The high standard we set in appearance is a signal to everyone, of our expectations in effort, work and behaviour. The children at Archbishop Cranmer are all proud to wear their uniform.



Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Is practical, smart, attainable and affordable;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Avoids pressure on children to 'follow the latest fashion'.
- Helps children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Promotes a sense of community and belonging towards the school.

## Our Uniform

- Red polo shirt (logoed item available)
- Red sweatshirt (logoed item available)
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Plain dark or white socks, dark or red tights

## PE Uniform

- Red or dark PE hoodies, black or grey tracksuit trousers or shorts (unbranded) should be worn on PE Days with black, grey or white trainers
- Zip-up sports jackets are suitable for colder weather.

## How to Order

- Non-logoed items can be purchased from most supermarkets and many high street stores. Logoed uniform is available to purchase online through the Price and Buckland website <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/archbishopcranmer> Price and Buckland items offer excellent value for money and are made from hard wearing, machine washable fabrics, specially decorated with our school logo.
- We also hold termly pre-loved uniform sales, which help all families get school uniform at a bargain price and creates a culture of reuse and mend, stopping perfectly useable items of clothing going into landfill.

## Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and nail varnish

- For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance or stud earrings.
- Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child's class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are to take place. *Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.*
- If ears are to be pierced it would be ideal to do this at the start of the summer holidays to give them six weeks to settle so they are then ready to remove for PE lessons from September. Where this cannot happen one alternative is that the earrings can be covered with tape by the pupil, or the

parent before coming to school. However it is still the responsibility of the member of staff leading the lesson to ensure that the tape is doing the job intended, and then to assess if this is sufficient precaution to allow the pupil to take part, either fully or partially in the planned lesson.

- Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either red, white, or black. Hair bands should not have objects attached to them such as flowers.
- Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.
- Pupils are free to wear a headscarf or other hair coverings for religious reasons at school if they wish to. These must however be plain and either white, red or black. Headscarves of the type which drape to shoulder length or just below are acceptable. Longer headscarves are not permitted for safety reasons.

### **Footwear**

- For health and safety reasons, we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles, Heelys or high heels.
- All pupils are required to wear flat, plain black shoes without logos. These should be closed in with no toes visible. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted due to health and safety reasons.
- If boots are worn these should also be flat and plain black.

### **Adaptations for Weather**

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

### **The Role of Parents**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

### **The role of staff**

Staff will support the school in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries.

### **The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the School in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **Special Circumstances**

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher and/or Deputy Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

**Lost Property**

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to one of the lost property boxes located in cloakrooms. Pupils and families are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with your child's name.

**Help providing Uniform**

School will hold uniform swap afternoons and we will always work sympathetically with families who require support to ensure children come to school in the correct uniform.