

26 November 2023

School Uniform and Attendance

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to remind you about two important features of your child's education: attendance and school uniform.

All the research shows there to be a very clear correlation between examination results and attendance at school. Quite simply, the better your child's attendance the better their examination results are likely to be. This is why we are very reluctant to allow students to take holidays during term time. It is also very important for you to inform the school about the reason for your child's absence. This is to ensure your child is safe, to ensure we have an accurate record of attendance and to identify any patterns or trends across the school. You can inform us about an absence by writing notes or letters which can be passed to your child's Pastoral Manager, by calling the school or by contacting the school through the MCAS app.

I would also like to remind you about the importance of school uniform. We expect all of our students to wear their uniform with pride. We believe the uniform contributes to the school ethos by developing a sense of community, self respect and can prevent bullying of students. As you are aware, school uniform must be worn on the way to school and on the way home from school.

A reminder that this year we introduced a compulsory school bag for Years 7 to 10 students.

This means **ALL** Year 7 to 10 students are expected to bring their bag to school. All students were provided with an Alperton Community School bag on admission. This means there is no need for you to buy a (much more expensive) sports backpack.

Our uniform for Years 7 to 11 is:

- Black blazer with Alperton logo;
- White school shirt (no polo shirts);
- Grey jumper with school logo;
- Grey tailored trousers (boys and girls) or grey skirt ankle length
- Black leather polishable shoes (No trainers)
- Grey hijab;
- School Tie for Academic Year 2023-24:

Year 7 Yellow, Year 8 Green, Year 9 Blue, Year 10 Red, Year 11 Purple



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Our Sports Kit is:

Compulsory:

- Green polo shirt with the school logo
- Black jogging bottoms or plain black sports leggings with the school logo
- Black or white sports socks
- White trainers with non-marking sole. No other trainers are allowed

Optional

- Woollen black hat with the school logo
- Green hooded top with the school logo
- Grey school jumper

We do hope you appreciate the importance of following these procedures. If you have any concerns or queries about this letter, please contact your child's Pastoral Manager.

Yours faithfully



Gerard McKenna
HEADTEACHER



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