

December 2024

## Uniform Expectations 2024/25

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that the vast majority of our students take great pride in their uniform both during the school day and on their journeys to and from school. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the uniform at our school is an important part of our identity as a community.

Unfortunately in recent weeks we have seen standards slip. Many students have been wearing black trainers and have been accessorising with hoodies instead of proper school coats. Our uniform has not changed. We expect standards to be maintained throughout the academic year. We see the start of the Spring term as an excellent opportunity to remind our community of our expectations.



Please take a few minutes to check the School Uniform page on our website; it can be found [HERE](#).

Wearing a school uniform is one thing, but looking smart and presentable in a school uniform is something else. Our expectations are that shirts are always tucked in, ties are knotted at the top button of a shirt and ties are long enough to reach the trouser waistline. Students must always wear their blazers unless they have permission to remove them. We expect our students to be proud of their uniform and proud to be ambassadors of our school.

A reminder that the following items **ARE NOT** permitted under any circumstances. This has been made very clear to all students. If these are seen, items **will be confiscated**. Please note that parents/carers will be invited to collect them from the school.

- Hoodies/sportswear e.g. tracksuit tops
- Baseball caps
- False/individual eyelashes
- Make-up e.g. mascara, lipstick, eye-liner
- Piercings (except for a single small stud or ring in each ear)
- Jewellery e.g. rings, chains, fashion bracelets
- False nails
- Nail varnish (other than natural)



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- Branded trainers (including black trainers). Only black leather polishable shoes are permissible.
- Black Hijabs (hijabs must be grey)
- Boots (unless they are prescribed shoes)
- Hair colouring (other than the natural hair colour of your child)
- Extensions that are not the natural hair colour of your child's hair
- Headphones (including airpods)
- Smartphones and smart watches / devices

If parents/carers have a concern about school uniform or have been unable to purchase new items of clothing for the start of the Spring term, please contact your Pastoral Manager. We hope to run 'Alperton Thrift Shop' again where parents can collect pre-loved uniform for a small donation to our School charities. If you have any old uniform which is in good condition we would be very grateful to receive it. We are a true community and we want to support all of our families.

Students must have a written, signed and dated note from parents if they are out of uniform as they will be repeatedly challenged about non-uniform items by members of staff.

Finally can we remind you to continue to encourage your children to come straight home after school. We ask you not to give them cash which they waste at 'chicken shops' on unhealthy foods. It is best if they are home before it gets dark and eat something healthy there.

We want all our students to take pride in their appearance and present themselves and the school in the best possible light to our community. Thank you for your support in helping us achieve this objective by ensuring you have purchased the correct uniform, including shoes, and you have ensured that your child does not leave home in possession of, or displaying, any of the non-permitted items listed above.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Christopher Dixon  
Headteacher



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