

Aston Hall Junior & Infant School - Uniform Policy May 2023

Statement:

Aston Hall J& I School expects all pupils to wear full school uniform, in the appropriate manner, when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims:

To support this policy's statement, it is the aim of the Governing Body to ensure that all items on the School Uniform List are practical, smart, affordable and designed with health and safety in mind. It is the aim of all staff that pupils are correctly dressed at all times in school or whenever they are representing the school in the wider community.

Objectives:

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

- -School uniform enhances the appearance of our pupils and helps us create a purposeful atmosphere in school.
- -School uniform assists us in our efforts to create a cohesive, corporate identity amongst our pupils, promoting a sense of pride and belonging to a positive, caring organisation.
- -School uniform identifies pupils with the school to the wider community.
- -The School Uniform List will be reviewed annually and published on the website.

Guidelines

Considering changes to the school uniform should be done in consultation with staff, pupils and our parent community. The responsibility for the decision on change rests with the governing body.

Our school uniform consists of:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo is optional)
- Navy blue fleece (optional)
- Gold or royal blue polo shirt
- Plain black or grey trousers/skirt or pinafore dress
- Plain black or grey tailored shorts, or blue and yellow checked dress in the summer months
- Flat plain black shoes or trainers with black laces / Velcro

We ask that all clothing is clearly marked with the child's name, as a safeguard against problems arising from children having similar clothing. Children sometimes participate in messy activities and we ask that parents provide an old shirt or apron to protect their uniform. A book bag is essential for carrying reading books and letters home. For reasons of basic health and hygiene it is important that all children have a change of clothes and footwear for PE and games. This should be:

- A plain white polo shirt
- Plain black PE shorts

- A plain black tracksuit is essential for outdoor games lessons which take place at ALL times during the school year
- Trainers for outdoor PE

Valuables should not be brought to school. The wearing of jewellery is discouraged in school, especially pierced earrings. Children who are wearing jewellery will not be allowed to participate in PE lessons. Jewellery and clothing worn as part of religious beliefs also need to meet the standards and if not, will be discussed with families. Pupils may be able to take part in PE wearing small ear studs, which need to be taped before school / by the child (at the discretion of the Sports Coach or Teacher). Watches may be worn.

Procedures

All staff in school are expected to uphold the school's policy on uniform. Teachers will carry out dress checks at registrations and regularly remind pupils of the uniform list. Parents/carers experiencing financial or other difficulty in providing the full and correct uniform for their child should contact the School Office. They will deal with the matter discreetly and will be able to offer assistance via the WPT uniform bank.

When pupils arrive at school without the correct uniform, we will contact their listed contacts requesting a change in clothes be provided. School is sympathetic to "out of the ordinary" circumstances and will always respond with compassion and discretion. Children may in these circumstances be provided with a change of clothes where possible. Pupils who infringe the school's uniform policy will be addressed according to the behaviour management policy

Commitment

The school is committed to ensuring that uniform is affordable and the majority of basic uniform items are readily available from a wide variety of retail outlets. Where items are school-branded, the school will select suppliers based on their commitment to quality and value for money. Pupils who request not to wear school uniform based on religious, cultural or medical grounds will be dealt with sympathetically. Parents who choose Aston Hall J& I School for their child are agreeing, in effect, to accept the policies of the school. We ask, therefore, for full support from parents in upholding this policy and ensuring that their child comes to school correctly dressed each day.

Responsibilities

Ultimate responsibility for this policy's introduction and implementation lies with the Head Teacher in consultation with the Governing Body. It is important to recognise that all staff, pupils and parents/carers have an active part to play in the evolution, development and maintenance of this policy.

Uniform Suppliers

In order to assist parents and pupils in complying with the school's uniform policy, we have identified the following recommended suppliers who we feel represent quality and value for money:

Uniform with school logo can be purchased from:

Pinders Schoolwear

Examples of stores which stock appropriate uniform items are:

Asda, Marks & Spencers & Tesco

If further clarification is required on any point in this policy, then please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.