



Uniform Policy

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1 AIMS & PRINCIPLES

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. Our school uniform is important to us as it is a way in which we identify ourselves as a school family. It promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security.

Smartness and high standards of appearance, as reflected in this policy, are expected at all times. By choosing to send you child to ARK Castledown Primary Academy, parents and carers are supporting the ethos of sending their child into school wearing the correct uniform as detailed in this policy.

2 NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNIFORM POLICY

Pupils will not be allowed to attend class if they are not dressed in the appropriate uniform. Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear their uniform correctly will be contacted and asked to bring a uniform into school. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the uniform they are missing, on loan. The parent or carer will then be expected to collect their child from the school office at the end of the school day to discuss the issue.

3 EXCEPTIONS

There will be occasions when the academy decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, or wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of what is the revised dress code on these days.

4 RACIAL EQUALITY & EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. ARK Castledown Academy is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial

intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Autumn & Spring (Terms 1 – 4)	
GIRLS	BOYS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fine knit royal blue V-neck jumper or cardigan with Castledown logo * ✓ Long or short sleeved white shirt with buttoned collar ✓ Academy Tie* ✓ Black skirt or black tailored trousers ✓ Black or white tights or socks with skirt ✓ Black or white socks with trousers ✓ Closed-toed, hard-soled, all black plain shoes with a flat sole ✓ Y5 & Y6 Grey Blazer with royal blue stripe & Castledown logo* <p>Skirts must not be inappropriately short, no shorter than just above the knee</p> <p>NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fine knit royal blue V-neck jumper with Castledown logo* ✓ Long or short sleeved white shirt with buttoned collar ✓ Academy Tie* ✓ Black tailored trousers ✓ Black or white socks ✓ Closed-toed, hard-soled, all black plain shoes with a flat sole ✓ Y5 & Y6 Grey Blazer with royal blue stripe & Castledown logo* <p>NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS</p>

Summer (Terms 5 & 6)	
GIRLS	BOYS
<p>Uniform as above</p> <p><u>Optional</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Blue & white summer dress with Castledown logo* ✓ Short-sleeved white shirt with buttoned collar ✓ Tailored black shorts ✓ All black closed-toed sandals <p>NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS</p>	<p>Uniform as above</p> <p><u>Optional</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Short-sleeved white shirt with buttoned collar & tie ✓ Tailored black shorts <p>NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS</p>

PE Kit	
GIRLS	BOYS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Royal blue polo shirt with Castledown logo* ✓ Black shorts ✓ Grey tracksuit with Castledown logo (optional) ✓ Black trainers or black plimsolls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Royal blue polo shirt with Castledown logo* ✓ Black shorts ✓ Black tracksuit with Castledown logo (optional) ✓ Black trainers or black plimsolls

Most of the items above are readily available from the high street – if parents and carers find any item difficult to obtain, please contact the school office. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. *All other items are available to purchase via Super Stitch 86. In the first year one branded item per child will be provided free from the autumn collection (i.e. one jumper, tie & P.E. shirt for all pupils (one blazer each for Y5 & 6 pupils). This applies to pupils currently on roll for 2013/2014.

Outdoor clothing

On cold, cool and inclement weather, pupils should bring a coat to school each day. Children should bring a hat to wear outside each day in the warmer weather. Black branded tracksuits are optional and can be bought from Super Stitch 86 for outdoor PE.

Hats, Headscarves or Headwear

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the school building unless it is due to religious or cultural values. Any head covering worn for religious or cultural values or hair accessories that are worn such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in school colours.

Bags and belongings

A blue rucksack with the ARK Castledown Primary Academy logo can be purchased for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from school. Alternatively, pupils can bring their own rucksacks but we ask that large bags are not be brought into school due to limited space available for storage. A PE bag with the ARK Castledown Primary Academy logo can also be purchased and used for carrying PE kit to and from school.

Footwear

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, all black plain shoes with a flat sole. Footwear with flashing lights is not appropriate for school. Boots and trainers are not allowed. Girls may wear all black closed-toed sandals in the summer. Open-toed sandals or sling backs should not be worn, even in the Summer Term

Hairstyles

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and professional at all times. Long hair (on or below the shoulders) should be tied back neatly in school colours (boys & girls). This is not only for reasons of smartness and appearance but

also for health and safety.

Pupils may not wear excessive hair gel, designs or words cut into their hair or permanent or temporary coloured hair.

Jewellery/Accessories

Pupils may not wear any jewellery except for one watch and one pair of stud earrings (worn in the lower ear lobe). All studs and watches must be removed for PE. However, we strongly advise pupils not to wear watches or earrings on PE days as the school will not take any responsibility for any watches or earrings that are lost.

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed.

Naming Clothing and Property

Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in the lost property. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through this. We endeavour to return all named property but all unclaimed lost property is disposed