



# School Uniform Policy

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## Principles

At Alkrington we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in some school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets.

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education is below.

## Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered to be good value for money

The school uniform is as follows:-

## Nursery & Reception

- ✓ Pale blue polo shirt
- ✓ Navy-blue jumper or sweatshirt or cardigan either plain or with the school logo, fashion logos e.g. Nike are not to be worn.
- ✓ Grey trousers, grey skirt or pinafore

- ✓ Grey shorts may be worn in the Summer term. A blue and white gingham checked dress may be worn in the Summer term.
- ✓ Black shoes (not trainers)

## **Year 1 to Year 6**

### **Winter Uniform – worn from September to Easter**

- ✓ **White shirt**
- ✓ Navy-blue jumper or sweatshirt or cardigan either plain or with the school logo, fashion logos e.g. Nike are not to be worn.
- ✓ Grey trousers, grey skirt or pinafore
- ✓ School tie (available from the school office).

### **Summer Uniform – worn during the summer term from Easter to July**

- ✓ Pale blue polo shirt
- ✓ Navy-blue jumper or sweatshirt or cardigan either plain or with the school logo, fashion logos e.g. Nike are not to be worn.
- ✓ Grey trousers, grey skirt or pinafore or a blue and white Gingham dress
- ✓ Black shoes (not trainers)

**Children may, if they wish, continue to wear the 'Winter Uniform' throughout the school year, but if they do, a white shirt must be accompanied by a school tie.**

### **Clothing for PE Lessons**

Proper clothing and footwear are essential in all PE and Games lessons for reasons of health and safety. Physical education activities take place on a number of occasions each week.

As PE is a requirement of the National Curriculum, it is essential that all children take part. A child may only be excused from a PE/Swimming lesson (Year 4 only) for a valid medical reason.

The children will require:

### **P.E. Uniform- Reception to Y6**

Alkrington Primary School P.E. t-shirt

Black Shorts

Pumps for indoor activities

Optional Plain navy blue or black tracksuit, with no fashion logo

Outdoor trainers

**\*All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name\*.**

### **For Swimming (Year 4 only)**

Swimming costume/trunks (not shorts)

Swimming cap required if the child has long hair.

### **Hair**

Children should have an appropriate hairstyle for school, hair dye and fashion accessories are not permitted. Long hair should be tied back in a bobble at all times.

## **Jewellery**

Children are advised not to wear jewellery at school, especially during PE lessons as it may cause injury to themselves or others. They may also be distressed by the loss of such items as rings, bracelets etc. If children have pierced ears, they should wear plain stud earrings. Nail varnish should not be worn.

## **School Uniform Availability**

Most of the items are available from local shops and supermarkets, such as shirts, pairs of trousers, skirts and pinafores. Summer dresses and sky blue Polo shirts can also be purchased locally and affordably. There is no requirement to wear items bearing the school logo, though we do encourage it. School sells PE T-shirts and school ties. Broadbents and The Uniform Shop in Middleton sell items with the school logo, such as sweatshirts, jumpers and cardigans.

We endeavour to ensure that the uniform is not too expensive as this can place an unreasonable burden on families. Furthermore, if a distinction can be made between those who can afford it and those who cannot, this can reduce the benefits of a uniform and has the potential to negatively impact attendance, access and participation, and lead to bullying.

## **Lost Property**

Items of lost property are stored in various areas of school and staff can direct you to them. There are also two large containers at the front of the school building, one blue and one yellow. Parents are welcome to have a look in there for any lost items.

## **Pupil non-compliance**

Where a pupil does not present with the correct school uniform, they will be reminded to come clothed correctly the following day. A conversation or message with parents and carers might be necessary where the issue persists.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with a school's published uniform policy, we will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolve the situation.

No pupil should be discouraged from participating in any aspect of school life, such as interschool competitions, because they do not have the correct school uniform

## **Provision of Second-Hand Uniform**

Uniform which is donated to the school, or is unclaimed and unlabelled will be made available to parents and carers at minimal or no cost. School will set up a store of second hand uniform which is clean and in good condition and make this known to parents and carers.

Second-hand uniforms can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable.

In some cases, Rochdale Local Authorities can provide school clothing grants to help with the cost of school clothing in cases of financial hardship. Enquire at the school office for more details.