

Airedale Academy Uniform Policy

It is important for the Academy that students present themselves well and that they create the impression of a disciplined and well-ordered establishment. It is expected that all students will come to school every day in neat, clean uniform, giving the message that our students take pride in belonging to Airedale Academy. The support of parents and carers is essential to this process and if parents/carers are unsure of the correct uniform, they are encouraged to bring their purchases in with the labels so that the Academy can check their suitability.

On the following pages are a list of items that students have been told are deemed or are not deemed acceptable as school uniform. Any items described as plain must not have any patterns, marking or logos of any sort. The Academy will not allow any item or fashion that would undermine the ethos or discipline of the Academy. All decisions about uniform rest with the Principal and Governing Body.

Shoes

Shoes should be low heeled, suitable for school and plain black. Coloured soles, studs, metallic bows or decorations are **not allowed**. Trainers or shoes that look like trainers, high fashion shoes, open toe, canvas footwear (including pumps), UGG style boots or ankle boots are **not allowed**.



Trousers & Skirts

Trousers should be tailored or boot cut 'school' trousers. Skirts should be tailored of suitable length and a style to be classed as business wear. Jeans, skinny, tapered, slim fit or narrow fit trousers, cropped or cut off trousers, leggings or footless tights or shorts are not allowed. No trousers or skirts with patch pockets on the outside, visible zips, studs or other decorative embellishments. No stretchy material or 't-shirt' material. Belts must be plain black and worn through belt loops.



Make-up

We allow a little discreet make-up which would be deemed suitable for work.

No false eyelashes, heavy dark eyeliner, thick block eyebrow pencil or bright lipsticks.

Pupils will be asked to remove excessive makeup.



Jewellery

One stud earring with a butterfly back may be worn in each ear, multiple studs and 'stretchers' or 'retainers' are **not allowed**. **No other piercings** are allowed at all, including clear piercings.

Please think carefully about healing times before allowing your child to have a piercing as no exceptions will be made.

No visible necklaces or bracelets to be worn unless they wear a medical bracelet or if it is a charity bracelet that the school is specifically fundraising for at that time. **No rings allowed**. A watch may be worn.



In summary:

- Any items described as plain means no patterns, markings or logos whatsoever.
- Shirts MUST be school shirts, pointed collars not rounded and with the top button fastened, not blouses or polo shirts. They must be long enough to stay tucked in and the sleeves should not be rolled up. Anything worn under school shirts such as vests/ t-shirts/bras must be white or neutral in colour so they do not show through.
- Trousers should be tailored or boot cut school trousers. Jeans, skinny, jersey, jeggings or tapered trousers, slim fit, narrow, cropped or cut off trousers, shorts, trousers with patch pockets on the outside, visible zips, studs or other decorative embellishments are not allowed. No combat trousers or harem pants. No leggings or footless tights are allowed. Stretchy material or t-shirt material is not allowed. Any belts must be plain black and worn through belt loops.
- Skirts should be tailored and of a suitable length and style to be classed as business wear. Stretchy material or 't shirt' material is not allowed.
- Shoes should be low heeled, suitable for school and plain black. Coloured soles, studs, metallic bows or decorations are not allowed. Trainers or shoes that look like trainers, high fashion shoes, open toe, any canvas footwear including pumps, Ugg style boots, Timberland style boots or ankle boots are not allowed.
- Jumpers or cardigans must be V neck, not round neck. See through jumpers, cut off jumpers, loose knit jumpers or fashion jumpers, hooded tops and vest tops over shirts are not allowed.
- Ties must not be defaced with writing or by pulling threads. Pupils will be asked to buy a new tie if they are damaged in this way.
- Make up - A little discreet make up which would be deemed suitable for work is allowed. No false eyelashes, heavy black eye liner, bright lipstick or thick blocked eyebrow pencil. Pupils will be asked to remove excessive make up.
- Jewellery - One small stud earring with a 'butterfly' back may be worn in each ear. Multiple studs and 'stretchers' or 'retainers' are not allowed. No other piercings are allowed at all, including 'clear' piercings. If your child asks for a piercing please think carefully about the healing times as there will be no exceptions made to the rule.
- Hair should be of a natural colour. Extreme or inappropriate hairstyles are not permitted. Hair accessories should be subtle. The academy will decide what is extreme or inappropriate on an individual basis.

If your child has a temporary medical condition, for example a broken arm, and a risk assessment suggests it is safe for them to be around school, the Principal may agree to relax the uniform rules for an agreed period of time. In extreme weather conditions, students and parents/carers will be notified of changes to the uniform rules for that day via text or social media. In summer during hot weather the Principal may allow students to remove their blazers around school. Students will be required to have their tie/blazer with them in school at all times and normal sanctions will apply.

Incorrect Uniform Protocol and procedures for students

If a student arrives with incorrect uniform of any kind they will be stopped at the school gates and taken to the study area where their uniform issue can be addressed. Staff in the study area will:

1. Contact parents/carers to arrange to remedy the situation wherever possible.
2. Lend clean uniform to the student if a parent/carer cannot bring uniform to the school. Students will be required to sign for borrowed items and return them at the end of the school day.
3. Where necessary, give out wipes to remove excessive make up.
4. Keep the student in the study area for the day if there is no remedy is available.

Persistent breaking of the uniform rules may result in internal exclusion and parents/carers being invited in to meet with Progress Leaders. Thanks for your support.