

7th June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to school uniform

I am writing to inform you of a change to Airedale Academy uniform skirts from September 2022. This letter is to give you advance warning of this change, to ensure that you are aware of the new requirements and to give you the opportunity of ordering a skirt free of charge. The change is being introduced to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by students in the school and to ensure that we have a cost effective, smart uniform that is a representation of the high standards we uphold. We have also listened carefully to our parents, pupils and staff who have voiced opinions on this issue.

From September 2022, there will only be one Airedale Academy approved skirt. This is a black pleated skirt with a logo at the waistband and hemline. It is washable and can be tumble-dried. When worn, both logos must be visible at all times. A photo of the skirt is available online at <https://www.airedaleacademy.com/newsletters/>

We understand that uniform is a financial investment and for this reason, we are delighted to inform you that we have sought funding from the Northern Ambition Academies Trust. They will fully fund one skirt for each pupil who wishes to wear one. This offer is only available for the first introduction of the skirt and will not be available in the future.

Skirts are available in a variety of sizes and retail at £15.99-17.99.

Waist - cm	Length - cm	Waist - inches	Length - inches
60	50	24	20
65	50	26	20
70	50	28	20
75	55	30	22
80	55	32	22
85	55	34	22
90	55	36	22
95	55	38	22
100	55	40	22

Fully funded skirts can be ordered through the following link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KTUBCW/>

Please only complete this survey once. If it is filled in multiple times, only one skirt will be ordered. To find the correct desired size, use a measuring tape to measure the waist at the slimmest part of the torso. To support with sizing, we are offering a measuring and fitting service. Staff will support pupils to measure for sizes. There are also sample skirts for pupils to try on. This service will take place this week. We will send you the recommended size through the MCAS app and you should place your order through the link.

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Suppliers have asked that orders for these funded skirts by next Monday 13 June please. These free skirts will not be available for order after this time.

If you wish to order additional skirts, this can be done directly with the supplier. We will send this link out to you later in the term.

I hope the advance notice of this new requirement will enable you to plan your uniform purchases for the new academic year.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter and for your support for the standards we wish to uphold as a school.

Yours faithfully

Lyndsey Proctor

Principal

FAQ

Is this the only skirt I can wear from September?	Yes, from September 2022, this is the only approved skirt at Airedale Academy
Where can I order a skirt free of charge?	All skirts must be ordered through our special link. https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KTUBCW/
When do I have to order the free skirt?	Orders for funded skirts must be in by next Monday 13 th June 9am.
How will I know what size to order?	You will need to measure your child's waist size. We also have samples for pupils to try on.
My child would like to continue to wear the skirt they have now. Is this ok?	Unfortunately not, from September, this double logo pleated skirt is the only approved skirt.
Can my child still wear trousers?	Yes, trousers are fine as long as they are in line with the uniform policy. They should be tailored, plain and not of stretchy material.
What if I want to buy other skirts?	Additional skirts are available to buy from our suppliers. Further details to follow later in the term.
Can you help me to choose the correct size?	Yes, staff will be available at set times over the week to help measure your child and to recommend a size. We will communicate the recommended size to you through the MCAS app or by text and you should use this information to place your order.