



Uniform Policy

The uniform at ALP Trust is a key aspect of our ethos. It is a 'non-negotiable' with each pupil that their uniform and personal appearance are of the highest standard. ALP pupils are an immense credit to the schools through their smart appearance, and staff work hard to support pupils in maintaining these high standards.

We appreciate the support of parents in ensuring that pupils are well presented and equipped with the correct uniform items, so that there is no distraction from the core business of learning.

Through their uniform, we want each pupil to:

- Look smart, tidy and modestly dressed.
- Learn safely and effectively.
- Establish an identity within the community and build an excellent reputation for the Trust and our pupils
- Feel a sense of belonging with no differential in terms of branded items

The Ashington Learning Partnership Trust is mindful of the new government legislation (2021) regarding the cost of uniform.

We are committed to ensuring that:

- Our uniform is good value for money, being hardwearing, good quality and low cost
- The number of branded items is minimised
- Styles are readily available for purchase on the high street / in supermarkets
- The uniform is adaptable for all weather conditions to maximise comfort

We are committed to serving our community well, and take seriously our duties under The [Equality Act 2010](#) which prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment. Please contact school if you would like to discuss individual adjustments to the policy on religious grounds.

Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school

- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Parents

Parents are expected to ensure that their child attends school wearing the correct uniform so that they can fully participate in all learning activities including during breaks and lunchtimes.

Parents should be assured that school will do all we can to reasonably help if a parent is experiencing financial difficulties.

Parents are expected to communicate issues with uniform to the child's class teacher via planners or phone calls.

Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in the correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the school behaviour policy if the uniform policy is not complied with.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

Governing Body

The Governing Body supports the Executive Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Executive Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities and is fair including the cost of uniform. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical for our core business of learning.

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Amendments:

July 2024

- Clarification on trousers/skirts and shoes colours and styles via pictures
- Clarification on hair accessories and bobbles. Removed specific colour of bobble to say discrete and plain. Clips and hairbands to be school or natural hair colours.
- Clarification on equipment being brought into school
- Added in no smart watches
- Reasonable adjustments to uniform clarification
- Behaviour policy sanctions clarifications
- Added appendix of pictures of shoes - highlighted no flashing lights

ALP Appendix 1 – School Uniform List

The Ashington Learning Partnership uniform for Bothal and Central Primaries consists of:

School Uniform -

- White polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logos)
- Charcoal **grey** tailored school trousers or **knee-length** skirt. (No black trousers, skirts or leggings)
- Black, white, grey socks or black, grey tights
- Black shoes

In summer:

- A blue/white checked school dress with white socks or charcoal grey shorts with grey socks may be worn.

P.E. Uniform

- Royal blue polo shirt branded or plain white polo top (no sport tops or branded logos)
- Royal blue football shorts (not black cycling shorts)
- Royal blue football socks
- Trainers (with non-marking soles)
- Plain **navy or black** tracksuit/full length gym leggings (No large logos) –*Optional for Outdoor / Winter*

Shoes

- Must be plain black, smart, sensible and **polishable**, no mesh/fabric style shoes are permitted. No Croc style clogs or sliders. Shoes with distinctive fashion features such as large buckles, logos, **flashing lights**, tags or any metallic adornment are not permitted. Trainers, sandals, high heels, or moccasin style shoes are not permitted. Pupils may wear plain black ankle boots in winter, but these must be in a Chelsea style with no large buckles, fur, poms/poms etc.

Skirts and Trousers

- Skirts must be at least knee length and a school skirt style. Trousers must not be skinny fit (super skinny as sold by ASDA) three quarter length or knee length. Jeans and leggings are not permitted. Skirts and trousers must be charcoal grey **not black**.

Hair

- Hair must be natural in colour and not dyed or streaked in line with the law which does not permit salons to dye the hair of anyone under the age of 16.
- Long hair **must be tied up at all times** with small/discrete plain hair bobbles.
- Bows, clips, beads and hair bands should be school uniform colours or natural hair colour. These must be discrete in size. (no large accessories - bands, bows or ribbons).
- Short hair to be of a uniform length (not stepped or significantly shorter at the back and sides than on the top). It must not be shorter than a 'number two.' Pupils must not shave any decorative patterns, such as "tram lines" into their hair. It must not hang across the face, obscuring the eyes.
- Eyebrows – should not be shaved, tinted or embellished in any way including tram lines

Coats

- Expensive coats of any style are strongly discouraged. Hoodies or sports jackets should not be worn as coats as they are not water/shower proof and cannot be easily cleaned after taking part in playtime activities

Bags

- Expensive bags of any style are strongly discouraged. Large bags should be avoided as cloakroom space to store bags during the school day is limited. This only needs to include your child's school planner, reading books, water bottle and packed lunch if applicable.

Pencil Cases and Equipment

- School will provide all pencil cases and equipment therefore pupils should not bring in items from home. Toys and swap cards should not be brought into school. Only regulation objects agreed by the SEND team should be used (such as fidget toys, sensory objects). Home items should not be brought into school without agreement from the SEND team.

Jewellery

- Jewellery, including **ear piercings are not permitted** neither are clear studs used as retainers for recent piercings as these are a health and safety risk when engaging in sporting activities and active play lunch activities.
- Pupils are permitted to wear a simple watch, to tell the time, but are not allowed smart watches/fit bits that are able to receive any notifications (or access the Wifi) and should not bring expensive watches into school.
- Pupils must not wear any body piercings for school

Make-up

- Make-up, including fake tan, tinted moisturisers, or any product, which alters the colour or tone of the skin, is not permitted, and neither are tattoos or henna patterns.
- Nail polish and/or nail extensions must not be worn

Mobile Phones and electronic Devices

- Pupils in Year 5 and 6 only who may be walking to/from school on their own, may bring a mobile phone into school but it **must** be handed in to the office at the start of school and collected at the end of the day. Smart watches/fit bits that are able to receive notifications, IPADS and any other electronic devices

are not permitted.

Any reasonable adjustments made to individual children can only be approved by the Headteacher and will only be considered where specialist professional medical evidence is submitted in writing.

ALP Appendix 2 – Ordering School Uniform

All nursery new starters to Ashington Learning Partnership will receive one free navy sweatshirt with logo when they first arrive. As will any children new to reception who have not attended and therefore received a free jumper in an ALP nursery.

Our uniform provider is Emblematic. Follow <https://emblematic.co.uk/> to access the online uniform shop. Uniform can also be ordered through school by completing a uniform order form. Alternatively, parents can visit the school shop to purchase uniform direct which is located at:

30 Glebe Road
Bedlington
NE22 6JT
Tel: 01670 820262

PRE-LOVED CENTRAL AND BOTHAL PRIMARY UNIFORM



We are delighted to introduce our new pre-loved uniform service.

How does it work?

- Donate uniform in good condition that your child no longer wears via the school office.
- Looking for uniform? All uniform is freshly washed - please email or call the school office with your size requests.
- If we have the uniform in stock, you will be contacted and are welcome to collect it.

CENTRAL PRIMARY
EMAIL CPS@ALPTRUST.CO.UK
LOWER: 01670 810570
UPPER: 01670 813111

BOTHAL PRIMARY
EMAIL BPS@ALPTRUST.CO.UK
LOWER: 01670 812324
UPPER: 01670 812360

ALP Appendix 4 – Sanctions -

Behaviour Policy Uniform Sanctions –

Pupils' uniform will be monitored and addressed by all staff.

Parents will be required to action the change to uniform the next day unless there are exceptional circumstances. In such a case, a reasonable time-frame will be given for adherence. School will endeavour to support families through pre-loved uniforms to meet the uniform policy expectation.

Where there are incidents of non compliance that have not been addressed, the school behaviour policy and sanctions will be followed.

Note - *Children wearing earrings or retainers for school will not be able to participate in PE lessons or break/lunchtime activities due to health and safety reasons.*

ALP Appendix 5

Shoes

In line with the school uniform policy and for health and safety reasons all students will be expected to wear a pair of sensible shoes on school premises. Shoes must be plain black, smart, sensible and **polishable, no mesh/fabric style shoes, crocs or sliders are permitted. Shoes with distinctive fashion features such as large buckles, logos, flashing lights**, tags or any metallic adornment are not permitted. Trainers, sandals, high heels, or moccasin style shoes are not permitted. Pupils may wear plain black ankle boots in winter, but these must be in a Chelsea style with no large buckles, fur, poms/poms etc

Please see below for examples (non-exclusive) of permitted and non-permitted items. If you are in any doubt please contact the school for advice and guidance.

