WISE Central Academy

28th August 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

School uniform – September 2026

As we are about to start the new school year, please find a reminder of our uniform policy detailed below.

To help keep costs manageable, many required items can be purchased from local supermarkets, and pre-loved jumpers and cardigans are available directly from the school office.

Please read through these guidelines before purchasing your child's uniform to ensure all items comply with school policy and prevent any unnecessary expense.

Any reasonable adjustments to the uniform policy can only be approved by the SENDCo, and will require supporting medical evidence.

Uniform for Central Academy 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, jeans or leggings and no skinny fit or 'super skinny' fit trousers)
- Black, white, grey socks or black, grey tights
- In wet weather children are encouraged to have both indoor and outdoor shoes.

In summer

- A blue/white checked school dress with white socks or charcoal grey shorts with grey socks may be worn
- It is school policy that no patterns or dyed hair is permitted.

Coats

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

Shoes

Shoes must be:

- Plain black, smart, sensible and polishable
- Plain black ankle boots are permitted in winter, but these must be in a Chelsea style with no large buckles, or adornments fur, pom-poms, etc

The following shoes are not permitted:

- Trainers (except for PE)
- Mesh/fabric style shoes
- Croc style clogs or sliders
- Shoes with distinctive fashion features such as large buckles, logos, flashing lights, tags or any metallic adornment
- Sandals, high heels or moccasin style shoes





Please note that offensive logos or badges should not be worn on any clothing or on bags brought into school.

PE 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 or sandshoes (with non-marking soles)
- Plain navy or black tracksuit/full length gym leggings (no large logos - optional for outdoor/winter)

On PE days children should come to school wearing their PE kit. Parents/carers will be notified of these at the beginning of each school term. All children are expected to join in the PE lesson. Exceptions are only made when a medical certificate or note is provided.

Bags

- 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.

- Expensive bags of any style are strongly discouraged

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.
- Hair that is long enough to be secured in a bobble must be tied back at all times using a small, plain, discreet hair bobble.
- Bows, clips, beads and hair bands should be school uniform colours or natural hair colour. They must be discrete in size. Large accessories such as bands, bows or ribbons are not permitted.
- Short hair is 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

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. Children wearing earrings will not be able to actively participate in PE or play out at break and lunchtimes.
- 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/acrylics must not be worn
- False eyelashes are also not permitted

Pencil cases and equipment

- The 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 tools, sensory objects).
- Home items should not be brought into school without agreement from the SEND or Senior Leadership Team.

Mobile phones and electronic devices

In line with the latest Department for Education guidance, pupils must not use mobile phones during the school day. Any mobile phone seen, heard, or used during the school day will be

confiscated and dealt with in accordance with the school's behaviour policy.

- 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 this **must** be handed in at the start of school and collected at the end of the day.
- Devices must not be switched on once they enter the school gates/premises.
- Smart watches/fit bits that are able to receive notifications, IPADS and any other electronic devices are not permitted.

Ordering school uniform

Our school jumpers and the optional blue PE shirts can be ordered from Emblematic via their online shop at https://emblematic.co.uk/ or by visiting their shop located at 30 Glebe Road, Bedlington, NE22 6JT. Tel: 01670 820262. Jumpers/PE shirts can also be ordered through school by completing an order form.

Pre-loved Central Academy uniform

- We operate a preloved uniform service for school logo jumpers.

How does it work?

- Please donate any preloved, good condition jumpers to the school office.
- We will wash all jumpers.
- Email with your child's name, class and size required. We will check to see if we have the correct size(s) available and if so, we will contact you to arrange a collection from the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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