



Ark John Archer Primary Academy

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

2021 / 2022



Ark John Archer Primary Academy Uniform Policy

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

We have a required school uniform for several reasons:

- Uniforms unite the school. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their Ark John Archer uniform, they will be an ambassador of our community.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. We are focused on achieving success. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is the potential to talk about fashions and styles rather than learning.
- Uniforms make us all equal. Whether families have high incomes or low incomes, the pupils come to school looking the same way. No one has to feel bad about the clothes they have or don't have.
- Uniforms look professional. Pupils look smart, sharp and ready to learn.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear their full uniform correctly will be contacted and will be asked to bring the correct uniform into school. If this is not possible your child will be expected to wear the correct uniform the following day.

There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the Principal either in person or by letter. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform.

In line with our culture of honest conversation with parents and carers, we encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day or wearing different clothes as a part of a fund-raising event. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of what is the revised dress code on these days.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as equality, race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Ark John Archer Primary Academy is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

UNIFORM DETAILS

Our Uniform

Autumn/Winter/Spring

V Neck Jumper/Cardigan (John Archer burgundy) with John Archer logo

White buttoned shirt

School Tie

Charcoal skirt or trousers

Charcoal tights

Grey Blazer* (optional in Years 3 and 4, compulsory in Years 5 and 6)

AJA coloured burgundy or grey hair accessories

Summer

Charcoal pinafore

Charcoal Socks

White or Grey socks

PE Kit

Indoor & Outdoor (Summer)

T-shirt (White)

Shorts (burgundy)

John Archer burgundy Tracksuit

For PE appropriate footwear is essential: trainers (Velcro fastening for EYFS and KS1) or plimsolls should be worn or bare feet for gymnastics only.

Mapac online uniform ordering

All our school uniform is ordered online with a company called Mapac.

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/arkjohnarchersw112aa>

Cost of Uniform

The white shirts/blouses, charcoal grey trousers skirts, pinafores and black shoes/pumps can be bought on the high street from a number of different retailers.

Compulsory Uniform Items from our provider

V neck knitted jumper with embroidered school badge	£14.00
Cardigan with embroidered school badge	£15.30
School tie	£3.40
PE burgundy crewneck sweatshirt with embroidered school badge	£9.90
PE burgundy jogging bottoms	£8.30
PE shorts	£4.30
Grey badged School Blazer (Year 5 and 6 only)	£26.60
Book Bag with School Badge	£6.59

Optional Uniform items:

Grey badged School Blazer (All Other Year Groups)	£26.60
PE draw-string bag	£6.72
School rain coat	£15.60
Rucksack	£12.53
Summer cap	£4.80
Winter knitted hat	£6.00

Outdoor Clothing

Children should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather. Smart, showerproof, jacket-style coats, will be available from Mapac over the academic year. Hats and scarves will also be available in the school colours but should not to be worn inside the school building.

Bags & Belongings

A bookbag with the Ark John Archer logo is recommended for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from school. A PE bag with John Archer logo is also available for carrying PE kit to and from school.

Footwear

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, **all black** plain shoes with a flat sole. Footwear with flashing lights is not appropriate for school. Boots are not allowed. Girls may wear **all black** or **all white** closed-toed sandals as part of the summer uniform only. Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
	
	

Hats, Headscarves or Headwear

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the school building unless it is due to religious or cultural reasons. Any head covering for religious or cultural values or hair accessories that are worn such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in school colours (Ark John Archer burgundy or grey). A school cap / knitted hat with John Archer logo will be available for both summer and winter outdoor wear.

Hairstyles

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and professional at all times. If your child has long hair then please can it be tied back neatly in our school colours - Ark John Archer burgundy, white, gold – and especially on PE days. This for reasons of smartness, appearance and health and safety: Pupils' faces should not be obscured as the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning and to secure their participation in discussions and practical

activities. Pupils may not wear designs or words cut into their hair or permanent or temporary coloured hair.

Fingernail Polish or Make-Up

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed.

Jewellery/Accessories

Pupils may not wear any jewellery except for one watch only (no sound effects or games). Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings, and they must be worn in the lower ear lobe. Parents are strongly encouraged to remove earrings on swimming days. *Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.*

Body Piercing & Tattoos

Body piercing is prohibited, with the exception of single, standard ear piercing. No other forms of body piercing will be allowed for any pupil. Pupils are not allowed to have transfer tattoos of any kind on their body.

Naming Clothing & Property

VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure **all** clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in the lost property cupboard. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through this cupboard. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is disposed of at the end of term and given to a local children's charity.

Second-hand Uniform

Any unwanted items of uniform may be given to the school office. We will be developing a second-hand uniform sale in the future.

Policy to be reviewed: September 2022

Together As One