

# Victoria Lane Academy



## School Uniform Policy

### 2023 - 2024

A Member of the Tudhoe Learning Trust



## **Aims and Rationale**

It is the school policy that all children shall wear the school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. The policy for the school uniform is based on the notion that it:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging toward the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered as good value for money by parents and carers;
- Is designed with health and safety considerations in mind;
- Is affordable

**The school uniform policy is an integral part of the school's commitment to equality and inclusion.** The governing body believes it allows all pupils to establish a shared Victoria Lane identity and to celebrate what they have in common, whilst continuing to be able to exercise their individuality and enjoy their diversity. All children are expected to adhere to the uniform policy.

## Victoria Lane Academy School Uniform

Compulsory Elements	Optional Elements
Royal Blue jumper with or without school logo Royal Blue cardigan with or without school logo Note: no other jumpers or hoodies should be worn in place of the school jumper	Blue Gingham School dress (Summer months)
Grey or Black: Trousers (no jeans please), or Shorts, or Skirt or Pinafore dress	
White shirt (long or short sleeved) or plain white polo shirt	Polo shirt with school logo
White, black or grey socks Plain black, purple or grey tights no leggings	
Flat, sensible, safe black shoes	Flat sandals in a neutral colour during summer months
<b>Sports kit to be worn to school on PE days:</b> Trainers/plimsolls White T-shirt/polo shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings Sweatshirt, (winter)	
Any headwear worn for religious or cultural reasons should be plain and of a dark colour	
Coats: hoodies and jumpers are not to be worn as coats	

### **Best Value Considerations**

The school uniform is widely available from various outlets including supermarkets and other shops. In addition, we work in partnership with the organisation, Journey, located in Coundon. Their community shop is open every Friday and stocks good quality used school uniform items. The company Elizabeth's Embroidery supplies the bespoke jumper/cardigan. The governing body will make every effort to ensure that these items remain of high quality and available at a reasonable price.

### **PE Requirements**

All children are required to come into school wearing their PE kit (black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings, a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt and trainers) on their PE day. This will be appropriate for outdoor and indoor activities on health and safety grounds.

### **Jewellery, Headwear and Make-up**

Children may not wear jewellery to school (except for small studs and watches) other than for religious or cultural reasons. We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or cultural reasons. Hairclips and hairbands should be plain and non-decorative. No make up to be worn including nail varnish.

### **Reasonable Requests for Variation of Uniform**

The uniform policy has been adopted with consideration for ethnicity, religion and belief and disability. Requests for variations to the school uniform which are directly related to particular established social, religious or cultural traditions, however, will be considered on an individual basis by the Senior Leadership Team. Legitimate requests for variation under health grounds will also be considered and will require medical evidence.

### **Role of Parents and Carers**

We expect parents and carers to support the school uniform policy. Children should come to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances such as dressing-up or charity fund raising days or events. Uniform should be kept clean and in good repair. **Please label all children's clothing so that if lost,** it may be reunited with its owner.

### **Role of the School**

Non-compliance with the school uniform policy should be addressed by any member of staff in the following way. In the first instance, the class teacher or alternatively the school office will monitor and inform the headteacher or School and Family Lead Worker. If there is further non-compliance, parents will be spoken to regarding the explanation for non-compliance and any possible remedial action that might be required. Where there is continued failure to comply with the policy, parents or carers will be invited in to school to meet with a member of the Leadership Team to resolve the problem.

### **Review**

This policy will reviewed annually.

### **Policy Considerations:**

The policy has been formulated with consideration of the following documents and guidelines:

- Department of Education School Uniform: Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities (2013)
- Section 88 Education and Inspection Act 2006
- School Admission Code 2012
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Equality Act 2010

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Next Review due: July 2024