



Ark Blacklands
Primary Academy

Uniform Policy

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I AIMS & PRINCIPLES

Our uniform identifies us as a community and reinforces our culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils are expected to dress in full school uniform as this is a very important part of our ethos and culture.

- Uniform unites us as a community: we learn, practise, play and succeed together.
- Uniform reduces distractions: we are focused on our learning.
- Uniform makes us all equal: we come to school looking the same way; no one has to feel awkward about the clothes they have or don't have.
- Uniform gives us all an identity to be part of and proud of.
- Uniforms are professional. Pupils look smart and ready to learn.

If pupils are not dressed in the appropriate uniform parents will be contacted and asked to bring missing items in.



We are very grateful to parents/carers for supporting the wearing of the following items:

Ark Blacklands School Uniform								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine knit turquoise V-neck jumper or cardigan with Blacklands logo* • Long or short sleeved white shirt with buttoned collar • Academy Tie • Black skirt or black tailored trousers • Black or white tights or socks with skirt • Black or white socks with trousers • Closed-toed, hard-soled, all black plain shoes with a flat sole • Y5 & Y6 Black Blazer with turquoise stripe & Blacklands logo* 								
Optional for the summer (Terms 5 & 6)								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purple & white summer dress with Blacklands logo* • Short-sleeved white shirt with buttoned collar & tie • Tailored black shorts • All black closed-toed sandals 								
PE Kit								
<p>All children are now expected to come to school wearing their full PE kit on their allocated PE days. On these days, children may wear plain black trainers or bring these in to change into.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turquoise polo shirt with Blacklands logo* • Black shorts • Black tracksuit with Blacklands logo (optional) • Black trainers or black plimsolls 								
Appropriate Footwear in School								
<p>Sensible black school shoes should be worn at all times as part of our uniform. Trainers are not permitted unless it is your child's PE day. During cold weather, black ankle boots may be worn but they must be plain with only one buckle or laces. Children may wear all black closed-toed sandals in the summer. Open-toed sandals or sling backs should not be worn, even in the Summer Term.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #6a3d9a; color: white; padding: 2px;">Acceptable</th> <th style="background-color: #6a3d9a; color: white; padding: 2px;">Unacceptable</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><small>Shoes</small></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">  </td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">  </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">  </td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">  </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Acceptable	Unacceptable	<small>Shoes</small>					
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*These items are available to purchase via Super Stitch 86 (<http://www.superstitch86.co.uk>)

Many of the items above are readily available from the high street – if parents and carers find any item difficult to obtain, please contact the school office. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. FAB carry a range of high-quality second-hand uniform which can be purchased at very reasonable rates. Please see the office for an order form.

Outdoor clothing

On cold, cool and inclement weather, pupils should bring a coat to school each day. Children should bring a hat to wear outside each day in the warmer weather. Black branded tracksuits are optional and can be bought from Super Stitch 86 for outdoor PE.

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 values. Any head covering worn for religious or cultural values or hair accessories that are worn such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in school colours.

Bags and belongings

A purple rucksack with the ARK Blacklands Primary Academy logo must be used for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from school. Other rucksacks and large bags should not be brought into school.

Hairstyles and Makeup

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and professional at all times. Long hair (on or below the shoulders) should be tied back neatly in school colours (boys & girls). This is not only for reasons of smartness and appearance but also for health and safety.

Pupils may not wear excessive hair gel, designs or words cut into their hair or permanent or temporary coloured hair.

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 and one pair of stud earrings (worn in the lower ear lobe).

To ensure safety, pupils may not wear any jewellery for P.E. All studs and watches must be removed completely by the child for PE. Academy staff cannot be responsible for the removal of earrings and children are not allowed to put tape around them as this does not eradicate the risk. We strongly advise pupils not to wear watches or earrings on PE days as the school will not take any responsibility for any watches or earrings that are lost.

Naming Clothing and Property

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. We do not hold a central 'lost property'. We endeavour to return all named property, but all unclaimed lost property is disposed of or shared with FAB.

2 EXCEPTIONS

There will be occasions when the academy 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.

3 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 Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. ARK Blacklands 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.