



AMBITIONS
Academies Trust

Uniform Policy

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Outstanding Achievement for All

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The aim of this policy is to ensure that all students:

- Feel a sense of belonging to St Aldhelm's Academy.
- Feel smart on arrival and during their school day.
- Are dressed and presented equally to one another.
- Have the opportunity to exercise their individual liberty.
- Understand the academy's expectations for uniform at all times.

By wearing the Academy uniform students:

- Are making a statement that they belong to the Academy community.
- Share the Academy's values.
- Wish to be associated with all Academy events.
- Represent the Academy both in and out of school, and whilst in the local community.

The Academy expects:

- All students to wear the uniform with pride.
- Uniform to be worn correctly at all times.
- Parent/ carers to forward evidence from an Educational Psychologist which details why a child can't wear uniform.
- Staff to contact parents/ carers when a student's appearance is deemed inappropriate by the child's tutor, Pastoral Lead, Head of Year or Senior member of staff.
- Students who wilfully choose to not conform to our expectations for uniform, to be supported and challenged to do so using the behaviour policy, utilising a graduated response.
- Parents/ carers to communicate with their Child's Head of Year or Pastoral Leader should their child not be able to meet expectations of uniform or personal appearance so that a plan can be made to address the issue.

When should my child wear their uniform?

- All children should wear formal uniform to school unless they have curriculum PE on that day, this includes on school trips.
- When a child has curriculum PE, they should arrive to school in the academy's PE kit – they do not need to get changed into formal uniform after their PE lesson.
- Students who have curriculum dance, or BTEC Dance or Sport, must wear formal uniform to school on these days and bring their PE kit to school to change into. They will return to formal uniform after their practical lesson unless it takes place period five.

Where can parents/ carers source uniform?

- The academy's uniform supplier are Price and Buckland: [UK's Leading School Uniform Supplier - Price & Buckland \(price-buckland.co.uk\)](http://www.price-buckland.co.uk)
- Non- embroidered items such as white shirts, black school trousers or pleated black skirts can be bought from high- street shops or supermarkets.

How will the academy support parents?

- Parents whose children are eligible for Free School Meals, are to apply for a financial grant to help them purchase school uniform. One application can be made every two years, for a maximum of £55.
- This policy has reduced the amount of embroidered uniform students are required to wear. Students no longer need to purchase an St Aldhelm's embroidered rucksack.

Uniform, PE Kit and Personal Appearance at St Aldhelm's Academy



Uniform

- Academy blazer.
- Plain white shirt with a collar (not a Polo shirt)- tucked in at all times.
- Academy tie.
- Plain formal black trousers or a black pleated skirt of knee length*
- Black socks/black tights.
- Black school shoes. Or, smart shoe- trainers without mesh, air bubbles or canvas. Any logo must be black. See the next page for further information.
- A black rucksack or satchel, large enough to carry A4 paper without folding. No handbags are allowed. Black logos only.

PE Kit

- Academy embroidered hoody. Or, a plain black hoody, or $\frac{3}{4}$ zipped plain black top (no logo)
- Academy embroidered PE polo shirt only
- Academy embroidered skort, shorts, leggings, joggers. Or, plain black skort, shorts, leggings or joggers (no logo).
- Sports trainers of any colour, **and** moulded boots to wear on the astro-turf.

Personal Appearance

Yes:

- One pair of stud earrings.
- Clear, small, retainers for facial piercings.
- Subtle make up (at the discretion of staff, this includes subtle nail polish).
- Hair of natural tone only.
- Clear retainers used for nose piercings.


























No:


- Rings
- Necklaces or bracelets.
- Facial piercings (e.g. nose, tongue, or eyebrow) without a clear retainer.
- Tattoos or henna.
- False eye lashes.
- False nails of any kind.
- Extreme haircuts (e.g. no extremely short- shaven hair, tracks, and dramatic layers).
- Coats on inside.

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Formal uniform

The following are items all students must wear to school in September 2024.


Item	Description and point of purchase	Accepted examples						
A St Aldhelm's blazer (unisex)	Only purchased from: St Aldhelm's Academy - Schools (pbuniforonline.co.uk)							
A white buttoned shirt with a collar	Purchase from: Any retailer.							
A St Aldhelm's tie	Only purchased from: St Aldhelm's Academy - Schools (pbuniforonline.co.uk)							
Formal black trousers (not-leggings) or a black pleated skirt of knee length.	Purchase from: Any retailer.							
Black socks or tights	Purchase from: Any retailer.							
Our preference is black polishable school shoes. Or smart shoe-trainers such as those identified by a tick. No mesh, air bubbles or canvas allowed. Any logo must be black. Permitted examples are opposite. If in doubt – check with your Pastoral Leader by sending in a picture.	Purchase from: Any retailer.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;">   </td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;">   </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;">   </td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;">   </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;">   </td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;">   </td> </tr> </table>	 	 	 	 	 	 
 	 							
 	 							
 	 							

<p>A plain black rucksack or satchel large enough to carry A4 documents without folding. Logos to be black only. Or, a St. Aldhelm's embroidered rucksack.</p>	<p>Purchase from: Any retailer or St Aldhelm's Academy - Schools (pbuniform-online.co.uk)</p>	
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Should students want to wear a St Aldhelm's embroidered jumper, they are available through our supplier, Price and Buckland. The only permitted jumper is the official embroidered jumper.

Pe and Dance kit

The following are items all students must wear to school in September 2024.

Item	Description and point of purchase	Accepted examples
<p>Academy embroidered PE polo shirt only.</p>	<p>Purchase from: St Aldhelm's Academy - Schools (pbuniform-online.co.uk)</p>	

Academy embroidered skort, shorts, leggings or joggers. Or plain black skort, short, leggings or joggers (no logo). No cycling shorts allowed.

Purchase from: Any retailer or [St Aldhelm's Academy - Schools \(pbuniform-online.co.uk\)](http://StAldhelm'sAcademy-Schools.pbuniform-online.co.uk)



<p>Academy embroidered hoody. Or, a plain black hoody, or ¾ zipped plain black top (no logo).</p>	<p>Purchase from: St Aldhelm's Academy - Schools (pbuniform-online.co.uk). Or any retailer.</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> ✓ ✗ </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;">  ✓ </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;">  ✓ </div>
<p>Sports trainers of any colour, and plastic moulded boots (not metal) to wear on the astro-turf.</p>	<p>Purchase from: Any retailer.</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> ✓ ✗ </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;">  ✓ </div>