Dashwood Banbury Academy
an Aspirations Academy

Uniform Policy

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Introduction
It is our academy policy that all children wear the Dashwood Academy uniform when attending school, or when participating in an academy-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for our uniform on our website.

Aims and objectives
Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money
- is designed with health and safety in mind

Uniform
We have been mindful of the government agenda for uniform in how we have cost and sought providers.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms

For pupils in the **Early Years** the uniform is as follows:

Green v-neck jumper or green cardigan (with or without logo)
Plain white polo shirt
Black school trousers or skirt/pinafore
Plain black or white socks or tights
Black shoes **not trainers -** please see link for pictures that provide guidance before purchasing footwear

For pupils in **Years 1 to 6** the uniform is as follows pupils:

Green blazers with the school logo
Green v- neck jumper/ cardigan (with or without logo) optional
Plain white button up shirt (**not a polo shirt**)
Green and gold tie (traditional tie so it doesn't get lost)
Black school trousers or skirt/pinafore (skirts must be knee length)
Plain black or white socks (under the knee) or **black** tights
Black shoes **not trainers**

During the terms 1, 5 and 6, pupils may wear a green gingham dress with which a tie is not needed. White socks are to be worn with summer dresses.

Shoes
Please note that school shoes or full leather (or leather look) trainer shoes - black soles - must be worn. Pupils are **not allowed to wear sports trainers**. These include trainers with mesh or a bubble on the side, with a contrasting logo or metallic rivets.

Boots in the winter
Pupils must be comfortable throughout the day so please be mindful of this if you choose to purchase boots. Pupils need to be able to sit on the carpet for learning and the hall in assemblies therefore ankle boots will be the only form of boots that will be able to be worn to school.

Physical Education
Pupils must make sure they have their P.E kits in school every day. The uniform for these sessions is as follows:

Plain black shorts
Plain white t-shirt
Plain black pumps
Plain black tracksuit bottoms
Plain black tracksuit top

Please note that all of these items need to be **plain, black and white** and not with a logo. You do not need to purchase an expensive sports kit.

All items of **clothing must be named** to ensure that it gets back to the right person at the end of the day.

Jewellery
Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings to school however these must be removed for **all** PE and swimming lessons by the pupil. Please consider having ears pierced at the start of the summer holiday to allow time to practise taking earrings out or do not wear these on PE days; staff will not remove these. Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

Hair
Hair bands must be green/black/brown, discrete and not be overly decorative. Hair colour/braids should be one natural colour and hair styles should not be extreme or have lines / patterns cut into the hair.

Religious headscarves must be green or black.

Makeup
Pupils are not allowed to wear makeup at school or to wear nail varnish.

The role of the school
- to ensure that all pupils have access to uniform
- to provide second hand uniform to reduce cost of parents
- to ensure that uniform can be purchased in local supermarkets to reduce the cost

The role of parents
We ask all parents who send their children to our academy to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The role of Governors
- ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities
- ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical
- seek the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy require the Principal to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented
- follow statutory guidance from the DFE