



## Dear Parent/Carer



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As you will be aware, and as many parents commented on in our recent survey, we have been more flexible in our approach to school uniform, allowing pupils to come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. From the start of the new term on 1/11/2021 we will be tightening up on our expectations around uniform. These are detailed below.

## **Uniform Expectations**

All pupils are expected to maintain a high standard of appearance and to wear school uniform during school hours and when representing the school. Almost all parents support us in applying the school dress code and the co-operation of parents in this matter is appreciated.

The school uniform consists of:

- White shirt
- · Alford Academy school tie
- Black V-neck jumper with school logo (S1 S3)
- Black blazer with school logo (S4 S6)
- Black skirt/trousers (not jeans/leggings)
- Black shoes or black trainer-type shoes

School knitwear and blazers can be purchased via our supplier Academy Uniforms via this link https://www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk/index.php?route=product/category&path=62\_65

The supplier is offering an option for free delivery to the school for all orders placed by Friday 5 November (it is anticipated delivery to school will take place w/c 22 November) using the voucher code ALFORD. Alternatively, parents can opt for the usual home delivery which incurs a charge.

School ties are available from the school office, please phone or email us for information.

Some families may be entitled to a school clothing grant of £150 per eligible child per financial year. More information about this can be found at:

http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/assistance/school-clothing-grants/

## PE Kit Expectations from 1/11/2021

- 1. Pupils attending PE classes are expected to bring an appropriate change of clothing.
- 2. Whether indoors or outdoors this change should include:
  - T-shirt
  - Shorts, Tracksuit bottoms, Sport Leggings
  - Sports Sweatshirt (optional, dependent on weather)
  - Appropriate Trainers (must be a change from school footwear)
  - Appropriate swimwear and towel for swimming (goggles are optional)

3. PE Kit should show an appropriate measure of modesty. School uniform will not be considered as a change of kit. Pupils who fail to bring all or part of their appropriate PE kit can borrow items from the spare kit held in the PE department. If a pupil continues to come to PE lesson without kit, staff will follow the Faculty's PE Kit procedure, outlined on the school blog.

All students should ensure that all jewellery including watches are removed for PE lessons and students with long hair must ensure they are able to tie this up.

We operate a 100% PE Kit Policy which means all pupils bring PE Kit to every PE lesson. Full details can be found on the school blog.

## School Uniform/PE Kit - Exceptions

- If any pupil in S1-S6 has PE **period 1** then they are allowed to attend school in their PE kit. At the end of the lesson, they should change into school uniform.
- Pupils in **Senior school (S4-S6)** who have PE on **more than one occasion during the school day** may remain in PE kit throughout the day.
- Pupils with PE in the last period of the school day will be allowed to leave school in their PE kit.

The above exceptions will be reviewed after the November In-Service days.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our school dress code expectations.

Yours sincerely

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