

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY & COLLEGE DRESS CODE

School Uniform Policy

“A school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone”. (DfE May 2012)

The Deaf Academy values uniform as it can instil pride, positive behaviour; a sense of belonging and acceptance of the school standards. It is our school policy that all school aged children wear school uniform when attending school or trips (unless advised otherwise).

The Deaf Academy ask parents/guardians to ensure that all students from Reception to Year 11 wear the school uniform and have the right kit for PE.

Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school,
- ensures students of all backgrounds feel welcome,
- protects children from pressures to conform with fashion trends,
- nurtures cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of students,
- creates a sense of community and belonging towards the school,
- is practical and smart,

What will happen if a student does not wear the correct uniform to school?

If a child is unable to wear the correct uniform for any reason we ask that parents or carers write/email a note to the class teacher to explain the reason why.

If a school student chooses to wear the incorrect uniform this will be sanctioned through the loss of break time.

Where can you purchase the uniform?

Specific uniform items can be purchased from Thomas Moore in Exeter and on their online shop (tie/skirts), links to the website can be found on the Deaf Academy website.

Trousers, blazers, grey v-neck jumpers and shirts can be purchased from a range of shops/supermarkets and do not need to be brought specifically from Thomas Moore.

Responsibility of Parents/Carers

- Ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school. When this is not possible please liaise with school, as per uniform policy
- Support school sanctions for incorrect uniform
- Ensure your child has an adequate bag appropriate for school

What is our school uniform?

The Deaf Academy school uniform consists of a white shirt (long or short sleeves) grey trousers or Academy grey/black tartan skirt worn with black leggings or tights/socks), Grey blazer with the Deaf Academy blazer badge, Academy tie, black school shoes (or physio approved shoes). Some of our students struggle with the traditional uniform due to their sensory needs. If your child is unable to wear the above mentioned uniform and you feel a sensory uniform would be more suitable please contact the Reception Team for our suggested alternatives.

The school PE uniform consists of: white t-shirt/polo shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, plain jumper for colder weather. Plimsoles or trainers.

Students are expected to be neat, clean and equipped for their studies.

- No hats or caps may be worn in school unless for medical reasons. Students are however encouraged to wear a sun hat/cap for activities outside on sunny days.
- Hair must be of a natural colour; no tram lines. Extreme hairstyles such as Mohicans etc. are not permitted.
- A single pair of small, plain, discreet earrings/studs any other jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for safety reason. Facial, tongue and body piercings are unacceptable. Make up is not permitted, including false nails.
- All students are expected to tie back long hair and ensure they have no loose hanging jewellery which may cause an entrapment or hygiene issue.

College Dress Code

Research shows that when students dress more formally, their academic progress and outcomes are accelerated.

We are implementing this as preparation for adulthood where wearing the appropriate clothing is a key factor to a successful working life.

On days when students are attending external courses outside of the Academy, they will be able to dress in line with students who are also attending that course.

The dress code for college is as follows:

- Dark brown, dark grey, dark blue or black jeans.
- Smart sports clothes
- Dark brown, dark grey, dark blue or black knee length skirt.
- Dark brown, dark grey, dark blue or black knee length shorts (summertime).
- Shirt/blouse/smart top/smart sports top.
- Jacket or jumper/smart hoody.
- Black or dark coloured trainers or shoes.
- Black or dark coloured sandals with heel straps.
- Small flat jewellery/earrings in accordance to Health & Safety.

The following items are no longer acceptable when learning at college:

- Denim or light-coloured jeans
- Rips or tears.
- Leggings.
- Short micro skirts or shorts.
- Crop tops.
- No flip flops or backless sandals.
- Large hooped earrings/heavy bracelets/large rings.

On days when students are learning at the Academy for half of the day, they can dress in accordance to the external provision that they are attending for the other part of the day. We do not expect the students to change clothes, nor do we want the students to feel out of place when they attend their external college courses.