

School Uniform Policy

Aims

At Abertillery Learning Community our uniform plays a very important part of our identity. We understand that the cost of uniform can be a concern so we signpost families to additional support for these costs where required. The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all pupils and a high standard of dress is required at all times. We consider that uniform is important because it can:

- provide a sense of identity, community and cohesion within the school
- support positive behaviour and school discipline
- ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activity
- remove peer pressure to dress in particular fashions
- enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements
- help reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying
- benefit safeguarding and attendance policies through helping to identify truants
- assist identification of strangers on school premises
- support and promote the ethos of the school

Primary Phase

General Co Unifo	
Nursery -Y6	
 Sweatshirts or cardigans with the school logo Tillery Street is red; Six Bells is burgundy; Roseheyworth Road is jade green White shirts or polo shirts (no logo) White shirts or polo shirts with no logo Dark grey trousers skirts or pinafores 	
Black shoes Optional	Optional
Summer dress (Summer Term)	Black shorts (Summer
Sunhats	Term) Sunhats
 PE Kit: Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts White polo shirt Trainers PE sports bag 	

Secondary Phase

General Compulsory Uniform
Year 7 - 11
 Black blazer with logo Plain black tailored trousers (no cling-style trousers/ combats/chinos/jeans/denim) or the designated school skirt Learning Community tie White long/short sleeved shirt or white fitted/tailored blouse (not a polo shirt) If worn, belts must be black and plain Plain white or black socks or plain black tights Traditional plain black shoes or trainers Completely plain black footwear whilst these can be trainers, cons or vans they must be COMPLETELY black with no coloured detailing or logos) Book bag/rucksack
Optional for Boys & Girls Outdoor coat or Waterproof reversible fleece Plain black V-neck jumper to be worn with blazer No hoodies to be worn in school (with the exception of anti-bullying ambassador hoodies)

Secondary Phase PE Kit

	Year 7 - 11
	Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts Purple/black sport top/rugby shirt Skort (optional) Black socks or PE socks Trainers or appropriate
•	boots One piece swimsuit or swim shorts Towel

• PE sports bag

Make up, hair and nails

Hair must be of a natural colour and sensible style for school activities. Nails must be of a natural colour and sensible length for school activities.

- Jewellery- only one pair of small ear stud earrings and a watch. The exceptions to the rule are small objects of religious significance. Facial and body piercings of any kind (including spikes) are not allowed.
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- False or overly long nails are not permitted.
- Excessive make up or overly long false lashes are not appropriate and will be challenged.
- Any headwear worn for religious reasons should be of a plain black or white material.
- Outdoor coats, caps, hats, gloves and scarves should not be worn inside the school building.
- We strive on working to ensure that uniform is as affordable as possible, so much of the uniform within the secondary campus of ALC can be bought

relatively inexpensively from various clothing and supermarket outlets.

Please also know that if there are any financial restrictions preventing the purchase of uniform items you can get in touch with us at the school as we have a small supply of pre-loved uniform items that can be made available on request.

There are second hand uniform shops on both Primary and Secondary sites where uniform can be purchased for a donation, however no donation is necessary.

To further support in clarity regarding what is acceptable uniform on the secondary campus of ALC, please see the image

There is financial help available for parent should the need arise. Please contact school reception for more information.

We will act reasonably in accommodating any request to vary the policy to meet the needs of a pupil to accommodate their religion or belief.

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