

Amadeus Primary Academies Trust Uniform Policy

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The curriculum at Amadeus Primary Academies Trust

Amadeus Primary Academies Trust is committed to providing high quality learning experiences enabling our children to become confident, articulate, independent, life-long learners ready for the challenges of a society that is fluid and ever evolving. The location of our schools, on the borders of London and Kent, allow our pupils to access the variety and richness this valuable resource provides.

Ambition

Through our curriculum we set out to ensure that all children, regardless of starting points achieve their full potential. Our language rich curriculum allows children to build on their learning progressively acquiring the knowledge and skills needed for the next stage in their education.

Persistence

The APAT curriculum facilitates our children to become resilient, self-challenging, curious learners.

Adaptability

Our holistic approach begins with key knowledge and skills of the National Curriculum and EYF framework which is thoughtfully adapted and built upon to meet the needs of all our children ready for the next stage in their learning journey.

Thoughtfulness

Our mindful approach to the delivery of the curriculum reflects the uniqueness of each of our schools, communities and the pupils within. We nurture the wellbeing of the individual to promote a culture of kindness, respect and empathy in line with our own schools and the British Values to become a well-rounded member of society.

The Amadeus Primary Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding children and young people and we expect everyone within in our schools to share this commitment. Adults in our schools take all welfare concerns seriously and encourage children and young people to talk about anything that worries them. Trustees, Governors, Staff and Volunteers will always act in the best interest of the child.

Our Schools

The following schools form part of the Amadeus Primary Academies Trust.

Castilion Primary School	Copperfield Road, London, SE28 8QA	www.castilion.bexley.sch.uk
Hillsgrove Primary School	Sidmouth Road, Welling DA16 1DR	www.hillsgrove.net
Holy Trinity Lamorbey CE Primary School	Burnt Oak Lane, Sidcup DA15 9DB	www.htl.bexley.sch.uk
Old Bexley CE Primary School	Hurst Road, Bexley, DA5 3JR	www.oldbexleyprimary.moonfruit.com
St Paulinus CE Primary School	Iron Mill Lane, Dartford DA1 4RW	www.st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk
St Paul's Cray CE Primary School	Buttermere Road, Orpington BR5 3WD	www.st-paulscray.bromley.sch.uk

Purpose and Aims

We strongly encourage schools to have a uniform as it can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos and values of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education
- creates a fair environment for all pupils

Complying with the school uniform is one of the minimum behaviours set out in our expectations at the point that parents enrol their children at St Paul's Cray. We are very proud of how our pupils present themselves. Our uniform is very smart and practical, and it reflects what we think of ourselves and our academy. Please could we ask that ALL uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

The school's Governing Body decide the policy for school uniform which is reviewed periodically and request that the policy is adhered to by all families in a consistent way.

Expectations

The Uniform consists of:

- Burgundy sweatshirt *
- Burgundy cardigan *
- Grey trousers or skirt
- Grey pinafore dress
- Pink and white gingham dresses (during Summer)
- White polo shirt * / shirt / blouses
- Grey, navy or black tights
- Grey, navy, black or white socks
- Black school shoes (not black trainers)

PE kit consists of:

- White t-shirt *
- Black shorts
- Black tracksuit
- Plain white or black trainers (for outdoor PE)
- Black plimsolls (for indoor PE)

Jewellery is not acceptable in school except for small stud earrings (which will need to be removed for PE by your child). If your child is planning to have their ear(s) pierced, please could this be done at the beginning of the Summer holiday.

Please note that it is not compulsory to purchase logo items from school, you may purchase plain uniform items from a shop of your choice - something that we actively encourage you to do

Preloved uniforms can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable.

Uniform is **generously** donated to school by parents who no longer require it. This act of **kindness** ensures that other parents benefit.

We ensure that arrangements are in place so that pre loved school uniforms are available for parents to acquire (through periodic second-hand uniform sales or swap shops). We organise the provision or sale of second-hand uniforms via our Parent Teacher Association (PTA), which happens throughout the school year.

Parents/Carers' Role

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that the school uniform policy is adhered to. Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear the correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform into school. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the correct item of uniform, they are missing for the day. Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the policy will result in an appropriate sanction.

There may be good reasons why a pupil is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the class teacher either in person or by letter. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. We encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event or topic entry point activity day. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of the revised dress code on these days.

Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as equality, race relations and sex discrimination. Hillsgrove Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential. Minor adjustments to the standard school uniform are accepted for religious reasons but these should be discussed the Head of School in the first instance.

Statutory Framework

Useful guidance on changes to school uniform:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-rules-to-drive-down-cost-of-school-uniform-for-families?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=d40e83f8-7a18-4f01-8811-5ed8c64294c9&utm_content=daily

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

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