



Ark Victoria
Academy

**Uniform
Policy
September
2018**

POLICY INFORMATION

Named personnel with designated responsibility for (insert)

Academic year	Designated Senior person	Deputy Designated	Nominated	Chair of Governor
2018/19				David Gould

Policy review dates (frequency of review: tbc)

Review Date	Changes made	By
June 2018	Policy created	J Hunt

Ratification by Governing Body

Academic	Date of ratification	Chair of Governors
2018/19		David Gould

Dates of staff training for this academic year

Date	Course	Staff

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HIGH STANDARDS OF APPEARANCE ARE EXPECTED AT ALL TIMES

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our academy's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the Uniform Policy. Our academy uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as an academy community and it promotes a strong and cohesive academy identity which supports high standards in all areas of academy life. Finally, it promotes harmony between different groups represented in the academy, and enhances security.

We have a required academy uniform for several reasons:

- a) Uniforms unite the academy. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their Ark Victoria Academy uniform they will abide by the rules of the community.
- b) Uniforms reduce distractions. We are focused on achieving success. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is the potential to talk about fashions and styles rather than learning.
- c) Uniforms make us all equal. Whether families have high incomes or low incomes, the pupils come to the academy looking the same way. No one has to feel bad about the clothes they have or don't have.
- d) Uniforms look professional; pupils look neat and ready to learn.

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

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNIFORM POLICY

Pupils will not be allowed to attend class if they are not dressed in the appropriate uniform. Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear their uniform correctly will be contacted and asked to bring in a uniform or the item of uniform that is missing. The importance of pupils wearing the correct uniform will be stressed to parents/carers when they bring this into the academy. Pupils whose parents cannot be contacted or who cannot bring in correct uniform will be educated away from their class and parents and carers spoken with at a later date.

There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing an academy uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the Headteacher either in person or by letter. The academy 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/carers are unable to provide them with the required items of the academy uniform. In line with our culture of honest conversation with parents and carers, we encourage discussion with the academy at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

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

RACIAL EQUALITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

All children have equal access to wearing the academy 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, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Ark Victoria Academy 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.

UNIFORMS DETAILS



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Nursery Uniform List

Uniform	
	AVA Book Bag
	White Polo Shirt
	Blue School Jumper with School Badge
	Knee Length Navy Skirt or Navy Trousers (skin tight trousers or leggings are NOT ALLOWED)
	Black or Navy tights (plain) or Black Socks
Black School Shoes (trainers NOT allowed)	
PE Kit	
Ark Victoria Blue T-shirt and Blue sweatshirt with Logo	
	Blue Tracksuit Bottoms
	Black Pumps
	PE Bag – Labelled Clearly with name.
	Outdoor Wear
Wellies – to be kept in school all the time	
Please name all uniform Items	



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Reception - Year 2 Uniform List

Uniform	
	AVA Book Bag
	White School Shirt with AVA Tie
	Blue School jumper with School Badge
	Knee Length Navy Skirt or Navy Trousers (skin tight trousers or leggings are NOT ALLOWED to be worn or worn under skirts)
	Black or Navy tights (plain) or Black Socks
Black School Shoes (trainers NOT allowed)	
PE Kit	
Ark Victoria Blue T-shirt with Logo	
	Ark Victoria Blue P.E. sweatshirt with Logo
	Blue Tracksuit Bottoms
	Black Pumps or Trainers
	PE Bag – Labelled Clearly with name.
Please name all uniform Items	

 **Ark Victoria Academy** **Year 3 – Year 6**
Uniform List

Uniform	
	AVA Book Bag
	White School Shirt with AVA tie
	Blue School Jumper with School Badge and Navy Blazer with school logo
	Knee Length Navy Skirt or Navy Trousers (skin tight trousers, long skirts or leggings are NOT ALLOWED)
	Black or Navy headscarves permitted
	Black or Navy tights (plain) or Black or Navy Socks
Black School Shoes (trainers NOT allowed)	
PE Kit	
	Ark Victoria Blue T-shirt with Logo
	Ark Victoria Blue sweatshirt with Logo
	Blue Tracksuit Bottoms
	Black Pumps or trainers
	PE Bag – Labelled Clearly with name.
	Please name all uniform Items

 **Ark Victoria Academy** **Year 7 onwards**
Uniform List

Uniform	
	School Bag
	White School Shirt with AVA tie
	Blue School Jumper with School Badge and Navy Blazer with school logo
	Knee Length Navy Skirt or Navy Trousers (skin tight trousers, long skirts or leggings are NOT ALLOWED)
	Navy headscarves permitted
	Black or Navy tights (plain) or Black or Navy Socks
Black School Shoes (trainers NOT allowed)	
PE Kit	
	Ark Victoria Blue T-shirt with Logo
	Ark Victoria Blue sweatshirt with Logo
	Plain Navy Tracksuits Bottoms or Plain Navy Shorts
	Trainers
	PE Bag – Labelled Clearly with name.
	Please name all uniform Items

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

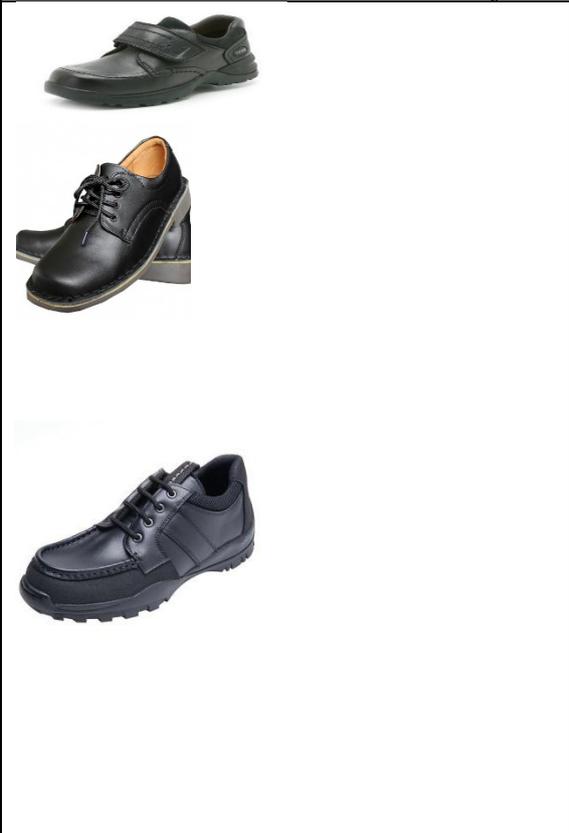
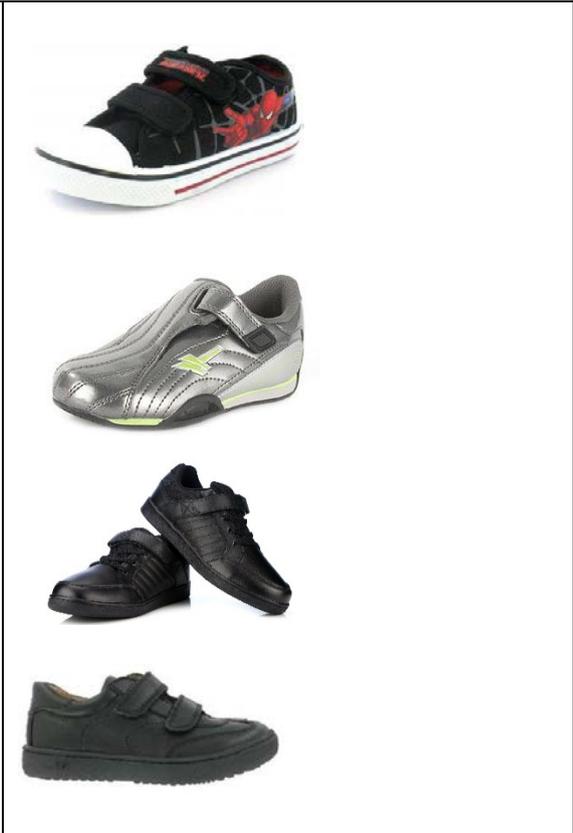
Children should bring a coat to the academy each day, apart from during the hotter weather. Hats and scarves are available in the academy colours but should not to be worn inside the academy building.

BAGS AND BELONGINGS

A high-visibility book bag with Ark Victoria Academy logo is required in years Nursery to six for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from the academy. From year 7 rucksacks and large bags should be used. A PE bag with Ark Victoria Academy logo is also available for carrying PE kit to and from the academy. All items brought into school should be labelled with the pupils name and class/ form group. In Year 7 onwards, pupils will be expected to be responsible for their own belongings. Lockers are not provided.

FOOTWEAR

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, **all black** plain shoes with a flat sole. Footwear with flashing lights is not appropriate for school. Boots are not allowed. Girls may wear **all black** closed-toed sandals as part of the summer uniform only (1st May onwards). Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term. Trainers and shoes that look like trainers should not be purchased for school wear.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
Girls	
	
Boys	
	

HATS, HEADSCARVES OR HEADWEAR

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the academy building unless it is due to religious or cultural reasons. Any head covering for religious or cultural values or hair accessories that are worn such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in the academy colours of navy.

HAIRSTYLES

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and professional at all times for smartness, appearance and health and safety. Any excessive hairstyles are not acceptable. Long hair on both girls and boys should be tied back using academy colour hair bands. Pupils' faces should not be obscured as the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning and secure their participation in discussions and practical activities.

FINGERNAIL POLISH OR MAKE-UP

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed. Pupils will be asked to remove if worn within school.

JEWELLERY / ACCESSORIES

Pupils may not wear any jewelry except for one watch only (no sound effects or games). Pupils are allowed to wear **one** pair of stud earrings, and they must be worn in the lower ear lobe. All studs must be removed for PE or taped.

The academy will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.

BODY PIERCING AND TATTOOS

Body piercing is prohibited, with the exception of single, standard ear piercing. No other forms of body piercing will be allowed for any pupil, this includes nose piercings due to health and safety reasons. Pupils are not allowed to have permanent tattoos of any kind on their body.

NAMING CLOTHING AND PROPERTY

VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The academy cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

LOST PROPERTY

All mislaid items are placed in the lost property. Please ask the academy office if you wish to look through this items. We endeavor to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is disposed of at the end of term and given to a local children's charity.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Any unwanted items of uniform may be given to the academy office. We will be developing a second hand uniform sale in the future.

EQUALITY IMPACT STATEMENT

We will do all we can to ensure that this policy does not discriminate, directly or indirectly. We shall do this through regular monitoring and evaluation of our policies. On review we shall assess and consult relevant stakeholders on the likely impact of our policies on the promotion of all aspects of equality, as laid down in the Equality Act (2010). This will include, but not necessarily be limited to: race; gender; sexual orientation; disability; ethnicity; religion; cultural beliefs and pregnancy/maternity. We will use an appropriate Equality Impact Assessment to monitor the impact of all our policies and the policy may be amended as a result of this assessment.