



# St. Edward's Church of England Academy

## Uniform Policy

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## **The Vision for Education at our Academy**

***Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life and have it in all its fullness."***

**John 10:10**

Our school vision is to ensure that God's aspiration for us all, as expressed in Jesus's words from John 10:10, is reflected in our aspiration for all of our children and staff to experience a full and rich life of learning, growing, helping, and caring for each other.

We are an inclusive community where all are welcomed, supported and celebrated for all they are and for all they do. Our Academy is a place of, and a space for, flourishing and fulfilment because here...

## **...we are 10:10 people.**

As a Christian Academy, we live and breathe our core values:

- Respect
- Courage
- Hope
- Friendship

***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."***

**Jeremiah 29:11**

***"Be strong and courageous.  
Do not  
be afraid; do not be  
discouraged for  
the Lord your God will be with  
you wherever you go."***

**Deuteronomy 31:6**



***"I no longer call you  
followers. Instead I call  
you friends."***

**John 15:15**

***"Show proper respect to everyone"***

**1 Peter 2:17**



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## Personal Appearance

Pupils should always present themselves in a smart and respectful manner within the Academy and when travelling to and from it. All clothing and equipment should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name to avoid them misplacing or confusing their possessions with other pupils.

## Academy Uniform

All pupils are expected to wear the Academy uniform as outlined below:

- **Blazers\*** - the official blue Academy blazer with the embroidered logo must be worn. (*This Blazer is manufactured by Winterbottom's and is a standard navy blazer*)
- **Shirts** - white collared shirts, long or short sleeved, must be worn. No logos are permitted
- **Jumpers\*** – are optional, but if wearing a jumper, it is in addition to the Academy blazer and must be the official Academy grey jumper with the Academy logo. (see Academy website for further information)
- **Ties\*** - pupils must wear the Academy tie (gold stripes on a navy tie)
- **Trousers** - must be charcoal or dark grey with no stripes or flecks. They should be classic style and loose fitting with no exposed zips, external pop-rivets or pockets. Tailored pockets are allowed. Jeans, 'skinny' trousers, fashion shorts, or other fashion items are not allowed. Tailored charcoal or dark grey shorts are allowed in the summer
- **Skirts** - must be charcoal or dark grey. They should be loose and no shorter than 1 inch above the knee. Tube, mini or stretch/jersey skirts are not allowed
- **Belts** - only narrow plain black or navy belts may be worn
- **Socks** - only non-branded grey or black socks should be worn. Grey or black tights may be worn with skirts; however, socks are not to be worn over tights
- **Footwear** - sensible plain, all black leather (or leather like) shoes which cover and protect the toes are to be worn. **Shoes or trainers that include logos or 'features', such as the Adidas three stripes, Nike tick, the New Balance NB, Puma form strip, Converse**



**star/circle, etc. are not acceptable.** Plimsoll/canvas style footwear, or soft fabric are also not acceptable. Please see photos on below for further clarification. In bad weather, boots or Wellingtons may be worn to travel to the Academy and then changed for normal school wear upon arrival. Any medical conditions requiring the wearing of alternative footwear should be referred to the Academy

### Examples of Acceptable Footwear



### Examples of Unacceptable Footwear





- **Hoodies** - are not allowed. Academy hoodies are only to be worn during sporting fixtures and PE days / PE lessons and should not be worn at any other time including break and lunch time
- **Hair** must be a natural colour and must be at least **6mm in length and shaved no shorter than a number 2**. **Fashion cuts or extreme hairstyles are not allowed e.g. tram lines or patterns etc.** Long hair should always be tied up during practical subjects i.e. PE, Science, D&T, etc. Hair bands are permissible but should also be plain (not patterned) and grey, black, or navy blue in colour.
- **Jewellery and piercings** – On the grounds of Health and Safety, the only jewellery allowed to be worn in school is a watch and **one pair of simple stud earrings (one in each lobe)**. **Highly decorative studs, hoop or drop earrings are not permissible.**
- **Facial piercings of any sort (nose, eyebrow, lip, chin, tongue etc.) are strictly not allowed.** It is not acceptable to wear clear studs or a plaster over the piercing.
- A simple wrist watch or 'Fitbit' may be worn (SMART watches are not allowed). **(The Academy accepts no liability for lost or stolen items.)**
- **Make-up, fake tan, nail varnish, fake eyelashes and fake nails** must **not** be worn
- **Coats and jackets** - must be suitable for outdoor play and must not be worn in the building. In the winter months, high viz bands may be worn.
- **Large amounts of money or items of value** (including personal audio equipment such as iPads, ear buds, or other devices, electronic games or jewellery) must not be brought into the Academy (for more information on mobile phones, please refer to the Academy's Mobile Phone Policy). Such items will be confiscated by staff and must subsequently be collected by parents/carers from the Academy office. **(The Academy accepts no liability for lost or stolen items.)**

All items that are marked with an asterisk \* are only available from our approved supplier, **Supersport** (<https://www.supersport.co.uk/>) which is based in Leek. [If purchasing from other suppliers, please ensure that the uniform purchased complies with the guidance.](#)



Pupils who fail to comply with the Academy's uniform policy, may be asked to borrow our stock where possible, and refusal to do so could lead in a sanction being issued. The Principal, or a person authorised, may also ask parents/carers to collect their child so that they can go home briefly to amend their attire, returning to school in the correct uniform and following rules on appearance. Parents/carers may also be asked to bring in appropriate clothing to the Academy. If the pupil continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the pupil's absence may be counted as an unauthorised absence. We look to parents/carers to support the Academy's uniform policy fully by ensuring that their child is dressed suitably each day and by supporting the Academy should it be necessary need to sanction your child for breaking the rules.

There may be exceptional circumstances where a pupil is unable to wear the correct uniform e.g. lost or broken shoes. In such cases parents/carers should contact the Academy and speak to their child's Pastoral Leader, or write a note indicating what the problem is and when this can be rectified. A uniform pass to allow a temporary exception to uniform requirements may then be issued at the Academy's discretion.

**The Academy accepts no liability for lost or stolen items. Pupils must take care of their own property at all times.**

## **Dress Code for Non-Uniform Days (or Educational Visits)**

**Discreet and respectful: clothing must cover the 'trunk' of the body from the neck to the knees, including the shoulders. Tight shorts are not acceptable, including cycling shorts, 'hot pants' etc.**

**Sensible and appropriate: clothing and shoes must provide appropriate protection and not include anything inappropriate for a school setting. Inappropriate captions, motifs, etc. are not acceptable.**

**Jewellery & hair: must conform to the normal Academy requirements as outlined above**  
**Face painting or fancy dress is not permitted (unless a letter has been sent home explicitly authorising it for a special event).**





## Equipment

We expect our pupils to bring to school each day the following items:

- A suitable sturdy school bag A pencil case
- Two pens/biros (black or blue)
- A green pen
- A pencil
- A ruler
- A glue stick
- A reading book

### Other items that are useful:

- A note pad
- A pencil sharpener
- A rubber
- A calculator
- Coloured pencils

## PE Kit list (Compulsory Items)

If a pupil is taking part in a lunchtime or afterschool sports activity, on a day when they **do not** have a PE lesson, then pupils should come to school wearing their normal school uniform and get changed at either lunch or at the end of the day.

- St Edward's Academy PE Shirt
- St Edward's Academy shorts/skort/plain black leggings (no patterns, stripes, logos etc.)
- St Edward's Academy socks
- Short white sports socks/trainer socks
- Trainers (not pumps)

### Seasonal according to lessons PE teachers to advise

- Football boots
- Shin pads
- Mouth guard
- **Optional Items**
- St Edward's Academy reversible rugby shirt
- Plain navy base layer tops and bottoms
- Plain navy joggers
- St Edward's Academy branded hooded sweatshirt





## **Swimming** (Boys and Girls) Year 5 only

- Swimming trunks or costume (one piece) in any sensible colour
- Swimming cap must be worn by all pupils who have long hair

## **Limiting the cost of School Uniform**

Our Academy has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

### **We will make sure our uniform:**

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

### **We will do this by:**

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding, where possible, different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items i.e. in school, uniform bank
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy



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### **Where to Purchase Uniform:**

**Supersport (Leisure Shirts) Ltd**, Hope Silk Mill, Macclesfield Road, Leek, ST13 8JZ

Telephone: 01538 386226

Website: <https://www.supersport.co.uk/>

A uniform Bank is held at St Paul's Church, Novi Lane in Leek, every Thursday from 6-7 pm.