Askam Village School

School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

The aim is to ensure that our uniform requirements are fair, affordable, and support the wellbeing and academic focus of all pupils. This School Uniform Policy is designed in accordance with the latest Department for Education publication, updated on 7 November 2025.

Uniform Expectations
All pupils are required to wear the designated school uniform during school hours and for school-related activities unless otherwise specified.

The uniform policy has been designed to be practical, comfortable, and suitable for learning and play. We have considered that items should be purchased from affordable suppliers, with branded items kept to a minimum to reduce costs.

School uniform is compulsory and consists of:

- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan with Askam Village school logo
- White polo shirt with or without the Askam Village school logo
- Grey or black trousers/skirt
- Suitable plain black footwear (sensible, plain black with appropriate grip). We allow children to wear plain black trainer. Trainers with coloured stripes/stitching/logos are not permitted.
- Red checked dress or grey or black tailored shorts in summer

P.E Uniform

- Burgundy shorts and burgundy t-shirt with our without the school logo
- Pumps
- It is also useful if children are able to bring

Children will need a swimming costume or trunks, towel and hair brush for school swimming lessons for children in Years 3 to 6. Please note Dalton Leisure Centre do not allow long bermuda shorts.

OPAL - (Outdoor Play and Learning) – To enable all children to enjoy all play options at lunchtimes we would like to introduce wellingtons and waterproof trousers for the Autumn and Spring Terms.

Jewellery
On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school, with the following exceptions, watch (not a smart watch), a single stud/pair of stud earrings in ears and small objects of religious significance.

Children are asked to remove these objects during P.E, staff are not permitted to do this for the children. We also ask that children do not have their ears pierced until the start of the summer break. This request is in line with Local Authority recommendations.

Make Up
We do not believe it as appropriate, necessary or desirable for any children to wear make-up (including nail varnish). If children attend school wearing make-up they will be asked to remove it by a member of staff.

Equality and Inclusion
Our uniform policy is inclusive and considers the needs of pupils from different backgrounds, including those with religious, cultural, or medical requirements. Reasonable adjustments will be made where necessary, in line with statutory guidance. Parents are asked to discuss this with the school.

Financial Assistance
The school will provide information about support available for families who may struggle with uniform costs. Second-hand uniform options and financial assistance schemes will be promoted to ensure accessibility for all. Second-hand uniforms can be of benefit to all parents, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable. Any parents wishing to donate good quality items or those wanting to purchase these from school should contact the school office via email.

The role of parents
We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy ensuring their child/ren are wearing correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests.

The role of governors
The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equality. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Review and Consultation
This policy will be reviewed annually, with input from parents, pupils, and staff. Updates will be made in accordance with any changes to Department for Education guidance.