Kingswinford Academy

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

All items of School Uniform and PE Kit must be labelled clearly with student names

School uniform is prescribed by the school rules because we believe that it brings an atmosphere of scholarship and self-respect to the school. The uniform has been designed to wear well and not involve special garments for different times of the year.

Above all, students must appear smart. The consideration of whether or not specific items of clothing are 'smart' lies solely at the discretion of the School. Parents/carers who are uncertain if an item of school uniform is suitable or not should check with the school before buying the item or wearing it to school.

The school will retain a small stock of shoes and uniform. If a student is in breach of the uniform policy, they will be asked to wear suitably sized, clean uniform until the breach is rectified. If for any reason the student refuses to wear the given uniform or there is no stock available the student may be removed from their usual classes and learn elsewhere in the school until the issue can be rectified..

Girls' Uniform

Pale blue shirt style blouse
School clip-on tie with correct House colour
Black blazer with school badge showing House colour and lapel edged in royal blue must be worn at all times
Skirts must be plain mid-grey or black, knee length to mid-calf length only
(Skirts constructed of stretch fabric, or tight/immodest skirts are not acceptable)
Plain, formal black trousers as strictly prescribed by the school these should not be tight around the ankles
(not leggings, denim, stretch, corduroy or "chinos" type)
Plain ankle or knee length socks in black, grey or navy **(white or coloured socks are not permitted)**
Grey or plain black tights without patterns or motifs (thick black tights may be worn when appropriate)
Plain black formal shoes that can be polished with no obvious logos
(*not boots, canvas shoes/pumps, trainers, platform, stiletto or other extreme styles. All silver tags MUST be removed)*
Optional - Black V-neck pullover with school logo. (ONLY available from Totally Uniform in Kingswinford) may be worn under a school blazer.

Boys' Uniform

Pale blue shirt.
School clip-on tie with correct House colour
Black blazer with school badge showing House colour and lapel edged in royal blue must be worn at all times
Plain, formal black trousers **(*not denim, corduroy or 'chinos' type*)**
Plain black, navy or grey socks ***(white or coloured socks are not permitted)***
Plain black formal shoes that can be polished with no obvious logos
(*not boots, canvas shoes/pumps, trainers, platform or other extreme styles. All silver tags MUST be removed*)
Optional - Black V-neck pullover with school logo. (ONLY available from Totally Uniform in Kingswinford) may be worn under a school blazer.

Girls' PE Kit

Compulsory

Unisex polo shirt
Shorts or skirt
Long black football socks
Active sports jacket
Football boots

Optional

Rugby shirt reversible
Black thick leggings

Boys' PE Kit

Compulsory

Unisex polo shirt
Shorts
Long black football socks
Rugby shirt (reversible)
Football boots

Optional

Active sports jacket
Black tracksuit trousers

Gum shield and shin pads for rugby and hockey are highly recommended
The colour of PE kit is Black and Amber
It is available from our approved stockists listed overleaf.

Coats

A plain, warm and weatherproof coat may be worn to and from school and outside the school buildings in inclement weather. Hoodies or other sweaters etc may not be worn at all and will be confiscated. No coats, hoodies or sweaters (other than the uniform pullover) may be worn beneath the blazer at any time.

Summer Adjustment

Should the temperature and weather require adjustment to the uniform approach we will inform all students and parents. In such cases students may be permitted to remove their blazer. Ties and the rest of uniform must be worn.

Winter Adjustment

Should there be excessive snow and routes to school become dangerously icy, the school will inform all parents and students that appropriate footwear may be worn. This would include shoes or boots with significant or rubber 'grip' on their soles. Specific advice will be given should this be necessary and the decision as to whether this is required lies with the school.

Jewellery
In the interests of safety, the jewellery allowed by the school is:

- one watch,
- one small simple/plain ring
- one pair of the simplest smallest stud earrings. One pair means one earring in each ear – multiple earrings are not allowed.

Additionally, we do not allow nose studs, eyebrow studs or any other form of body piercing. Chains, necklaces, bracelets and bangles are not allowed (with the exception of religious symbols that are specifically required for religious observance)

Make Up
Discreet, natural makeup can be worn
(**Does not include false lashes, eyeliner and bright eyeshadow)**

Nail Varnish
Nails should be kept short and not coloured. The wearing of coloured nail varnish or false nails is not allowed at all.

Hair Styles
In keeping with our high standards of appearance, extreme hairstyles are not allowed in school. Examples of this are multi-coloured hair, sections of coloured hair, unusual vibrant coloured hair, tram lines, shaved patterns, shaved hair etc.

Any change in uniform will be notified in writing and due notice will be given.

Our approved suppliers are:

- The Sports Shop, Kingswinford https://thesportsshopkingswinford.co.uk/collections/kingswinford-school
- Totally Uniform, 806 High Street, Kingswinford http://www.totally-uniform.co.uk/
- A Oakes (Babyland of Dudley), 27 Churchill Precinct, Dudley https://www.aoakes.co.uk/

If you have any difficulty with uniform, particularly financial, please contact the school who will treat such incidents as confidential.

Equipment
All students will need a white cotton/fabric apron which ties at the back for Design and Technology.
In addition to the clothing required, we would recommend that the following equipment is essential:

Strong, waterproof bag, clear plastic pencil case, calculator, English dictionary, French/English dictionary, pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, protractor, compass.

Lost Property
Lost property is kept at reception, at the end of each half term if items are not claimed they are donated to a local charity shop.

FAQs

These shoes were in the school shoes section of the shop - does that mean that they are suitable at Kingswinford Academy?

Not necessarily - unfortunately many shops now stock black trainers in the school shoes section and there is no consultation with schools about this. Each year we will identify suitable school shoes supplied by Clarks and use this as a basis for determining appropriateness of footwear. As a general rule ask yourself 'if these shoes were white, would they be trainers?'. If the answer is yes, they are not suitable in school!
*The following are **not acceptable** school shoes and are classed as trainers:*

- *Nike Air force 1*
- *Nike Air Max*
- *Nike Cortez*
- *Nike SB Satire*
- *Adidas Originals Superstar*
- *Adidas 350*
- *Adidas Gazelle*
- *Adidas Original Stan Smith*
- *Reebok Complete Leather Trainer*
- *Reebok Classic*

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and other similar 'trainers' are not appropriate.

I find it hard to buy tailored trousers for my child and many styles can appear to be leggings even when they are not - what should I look for?

We consider that formal, smart trousers should not be fitted from waist to ankle whatever the situation. Whilst it is possible they might appear tight fitting at one point, certainly they should not be completely fitted; should not be constructed from stretch fabric; and should not be fitted at the ankle. Totally Uniform stock a wide range of school trousers and are happy to offer guidance that adheres to our policy.

My child has just had their nose (or other body part) pierced and needs to wear a piercing to stop it closing over - can they wear the piercing until then?

No - in practice this is impossible to police in school and generates challenges for students. Students should avoid having piercings that need to be 'held' open as we will not grant exemption from the uniform policy for this reason. The rules regarding piercings relate to maintaining the health and safety of students as well as their smart appearance and so are not flexible. Please note that in the case of nose studs - it is permissible for students to wear clear, plastic spacers with no adornment to maintain the piercing.

My child's tongue piercing is not visible - does this mean it is acceptable?

No - tongue piercings are not acceptable as we consider that, in a school environment, they may pose a Health and Safety risk.

I'm not sure whether or not this skirt is immodest - what advice can you give me?

Generally we require that skirts are not 'tight' throughout; are not made of stretchy material; and are of a length approaching the knee. As a rule of thumb, if you are uncertain whether or not a skirt is immodest, it probably is (for a school environment)!

Why is a school uniform so important in a school?

When all students follow a uniform, this reduces the degree of bullying and teasing regarding the latest fashions in school and enables all students to appear equal. Furthermore, many families have a restricted budget and school uniform approaches enable schools to support those in need without identifying those students and families, and through a trusted supplier.

School uniform supports good discipline in schools and positive student behaviour by removing distraction and challenges in the classroom that relate to clothing and footwear (which if non-uniform, promote discussion, comparison and comment).

School uniforms promote positive safeguarding: students are identifiable both in and out of school and this helps all professionals to support students and rapidly identify the school should the need arise and in emergencies.

School uniforms promote a sense of community and should be a point of pride: Kingswinford Academy is well known and respected in our community and our students are the best ambassadors of this school. We want their positive behaviour and ethos to be identifiable in and out of school to help build on that sense of community and belonging which is vital for the personal development of all students. Their appearance reflects on the reputation of the student body as a whole and the school in general. The smarter our students appear; the more positive our community's opinion is of them and the more supportive and friendly our neighbours are towards them.