



BiggleswadeAcademy

Academy Uniform Policy

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Early Years (Academy Pre-School, Blossom, Reception Classes & The Lawns)

Compulsory uniform	Optional uniform	Additional options available to purchase from school supplier or elsewhere.
There is no <i>compulsory</i> uniform for Academy Early Years children, however <i>appropriate</i> clothing and sensible shoes should be worn at all times please.	Biggleswade Academy Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Academy polo shirt with Logo (Blue) ● Academy sweatshirt with logo (round neck – blue) ● Academy Sweat Cardigan with logo (Blue) ● Academy Showerproof jacket ● Academy Book Bag ● Academy PE/Drawstring bag 	Biggleswade Academy Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plain black trousers ● Plain black skirt ● Plain black school style pinafore ● Plain black shorts (summer only) ● Blue Gingham summer dress
	The Lawns Nursery Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lawns polo shirt with Logo (Red) ● Lawns sweatshirt with logo (round neck – Red) ● Lawns Cardigan with logo (Red) ● Lawns Book Bag 	The Lawns Nursery Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Red Gingham summer dress
PE Kit		
During terms 2 and 3, Reception pupils will begin to undertake structured PE activities for which they will need sensible plain shorts and a t-shirt. As school PE kit is compulsory for Key stage 1 parents may wish to purchase this at this point.		

Key Stage 1 & 2 (Years 1 - 6)

Compulsory uniform	Additional uniform requirements purchased from school supplier or elsewhere
School wear	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Academy V-neck jumper with Logo (Blue) or ● Academy sweat cardigan with Logo (Blue) And ● Academy polo shirt with logo (Blue) or ● White shirt (must be worn with Academy tie) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plain white blouse/shirt (to be worn with tie only in place of Academy Polo Shirt) ● Academy tie ● Black trousers, knee length skirts or school style pinafore dresses ● Black shorts or blue gingham dresses (summer only) ● Academy book bag
Footwear	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flat, black, leather upper shoes (no canvas plimsolls, boots, trainers, fashion shoes or logos) ● Grey, black or white socks 	
PE Kit	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plain white t-shirt ● Plain royal blue shorts <p>– with appropriate Trainers only please (no shoes or canvas plimsolls).</p> <p>Equipment and uniform needed will be advised on a term by term basis and is available on the website.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plain royal blue shorts or ‘shadow stripe’ royal blue shorts ● Plain black or dark blue tracksuit - optional (no logo or branding) ● Royal blue football/hockey socks ● In extremely cold weather pupils may also wear plain black or dark blue tracksuit bottoms. ● Pupils can also wear gloves and woolly hats in cold conditions. ● Blue or black skins are acceptable under PE kit and only worn for PE. ● In hot conditions, caps, suntan lotion and bottles of water are recommended.

Additional information:

Jewellery, makeup, hair, accessories and other effects:

- Our pupils may wear one pair of **plain gold or silver** stud earrings only (one per ear) and a wristwatch. No other jewellery is permitted.
- No smart or fitness tracker watches.
- Makeup or nail varnish of any description is not allowed and pupils will be told to remove it if they arrive at school wearing it.
- Borders / patterns or any other similar hair effects are not permitted.
- Any hair accessories worn should be clearly functional, not fashion in design and should be restricted to Blue, Black or White colours.
- Any dye present in pupils' hair should be of natural hair colours only (i.e. a brunette colour may be appropriate where a green or red would not).
- Shoulder length or longer hair should be tied back at all times.
- Long fringes should be secured out of the way.
- Coats should be worn in cold and/or weather (no hoodies)
- Skirts should be knee length.

Appropriate Trousers and shoes:

There are occasions where the purchasing and wearing of appropriate school trousers and shoes can become a difficult issue for pupils, parents and staff alike. This is particularly true as pupils grow older and may wish to make fashion statements in the way that they interpret the rules and guidance for school uniform.

It is mainly for this reason that:

- Smart, plain, **black** school trousers or shorts, or smart, plain or **knee length** pleated **black** skirts or **knee length black** school pinafore dresses only are allowed.
- Smart, plain, **black, leather upper** school shoes without heels or branding logos only are allowed.

Example of school skirt length



Example of school shoes:



These are not school shoes:



Trousers and shorts should therefore always be tailored and definitely of 'school' and not 'fashion' styling. (Jeans & lycra fabrics and 'combat' or similar style trousers are strictly not allowed).

Whilst the basic shape of school trousers for girls and boys will not be the main factor in determining their suitability, they should clearly be of 'school' and not 'fashion' design.

In determining whether trousers are acceptable the list below gives examples of criteria, but is not exhaustive as 'fashion' may change:

- I. No decorative (and therefore non-functional) buttons should be visible on trousers.
- II. No coloured or silver buttons or zips should be visible on trousers.
- III. No labels, fashion or otherwise, should be visible on trousers.
- IV. No trousers which are of a revealing cut which shows any flesh, or could be deemed by the school to be inappropriately tight are permissible.

The Trust Board recognises that areas such as uniform can be open to subjective interpretation and on occasion, abuse. Therefore, to avoid difficulty or embarrassment, ask parents and pupils to operate well within these guidelines rather than at their extremes.

Examples of school trousers:



These are not school trousers:



Religious Dress

The current uniform policy and dress code promotes a positive ethos, a sense of communal identity and enables pupils of all religious faiths to dress modestly, particularly as trousers are allowed for girls.

At present there is no distinction in the school uniform policy between religious groups. Some students may wish to wear distinctive garments for religious reasons, Biggleswade Academy will consider these requests on a case by case basis, although these will need to be covered.

No dress will be allowed that covers any part of the face from forehead to neck in the interests of safety. Being able to see facial expressions is a key component of effective interaction, covering the face would be contrary to the ethos of the Academy. All head coverings must be plain black, white or blue.

- Religious head covering may be worn but must be plain.
- Girls may wear long, ankle-length skirts, instead of knee-length skirts or trousers.
- Girls may wear long tracksuit bottoms for PE instead of shorts.

Academy uniform supplier: www.theuniformmonkeys.co.uk