

Al-Noor Primary School

School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

1.1 School uniform is compulsory for all pupils at Al-Noor Primary. School uniform serves an importance purpose in any school. It emphasises the coming together for a common purpose, unity and the full, equal worth of each pupil. Diverging from school uniform can imply a lack of cohesion and sharing of values. All partners in our school are strongly bonded together by the school's values, vision and ethos.

1.2 It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in an event organised by the school outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in the school's Parental Handbook distributed to all parents upon enrolling a child at the school.

2 Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in being part of the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- is in line with the Islamic ethos of the school;
- prevents the distractions of fashion from the purpose of school life;
- aims to equalise children in terms of their appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money.

3 Uniform

All uniform must be purchased (unless stated) from the school's uniform supplier.

Girls' Uniform:

- School Embroidered pinafore
- School trousers
- White, long sleeved blouse
- School Embroidered headscarf/hijab
- School Embroidered school cardigan
- Plain, flat, black shoes, without laces (non-marking soles and not necessarily from supplier)
- Plain, white (unfrilled) socks (not necessarily from supplier)
- School blazer (yrs 5 and 6 only)

Girls' Summer Uniform: (not yet available)

School summer dress (optional)

School summer trousers (optional)

Boys' Uniform

- School trousers
- Long sleeved white shirt

- School Embroidered jumper
- School tie
- Plain, black shoes without laces (non-marking soles and not from supplier)
- Grey, black or navy socks (not necessarily from supplier)

Boys' Summer Uniform: (not yet available)

School summer shorts (optional)

School summer shirt (optional)

Boys' and Girls' PE Uniform:

- *School Embroidered long sleeved white polo-shirt*
- *School Embroidered sweatshirt*
- *School PE jogging bottoms*
- *Plain black plimsoles (not from supplier)*

Other

- School book-bag
- School PE bag

- 3.3** The school Uniform will be supplied by Fashion Stop. Please visit the following link to purchase items, <https://www.fashionstopschoolwear.co.uk/> or visit their shop:

138 High Street North
East Ham
London
E6 2HT
Tel: 0208 552 3200

Uniform can also be purchased at the school every half term.

- 3.4** Lunch Boxes, additional school bags and coats must not be decorated with images of people or animals.

- 3.6** If a class has PE lessons in the afternoon, children will be asked to change into their PE uniform at school but not to change fully back once the lesson is over. Girls are required to put their pinafores back on top of their PE clothes. If PE lessons are timetabled for the morning session we require children to attend school wearing their PE uniform but also wearing their school shoes, bringing with them their plimsoles to change into at lesson time and their normal school uniform to change into at the end of the lesson and to wear for the rest of the school day.

- 3.7** An exception for this rule applies to the Reception class whose pupils are expected to attend school in their PE uniform on days on which PE is timetabled.

3.8 Nail Varnish and make up

The wearing of nail varnish and make up by pupils is strictly prohibited.

3.9 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery at school. The exceptions to this rule are 'stud' earrings for girls who have pierced ears. We ask children to remove these during PE lessons, or cover them with a plaster to prevent them from causing injury.

3.10 Haircuts

The school requires that pupils are smartly dressed and groomed. 'Extreme' haircuts and styles are not permitted. The school leaves the judgement of what constitutes an extreme haircut to the discretion of the head teacher.

3.11 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear but is not in keeping with the smart appearance required by the school's uniform. We oblige all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list. All shoes must have non-marking soles to prevent damage to school carpets and floor coverings.

3.12 School Uniform during Colder Weather

During the winter, or whenever the weather is colder, pupils can wear the following garments under the standard school uniform to keep warm:

- **Under shirts:** plain, collar-less, white, long or short-sleeved tops or thermal tops;
- **Under trousers:** plain, navy trousers, pyjamas or thermal leggings (which can be white or grey).

4 Exceptions

4.1 If a child has a medical condition that warrants it, or cannot fit into sizes available from the uniform supplier, allowances can be made for parents to privately tailor their child's uniform in the exact shade and style, to the right size or in a more suitable cloth.

4.2 Prior authorisation for this must be sought from the headteacher in writing. Parents who wish to invoke this are required to submit the request to the headteacher in writing, with a doctor's note to support a request on medical grounds.

4.3 Parents must await a written response from the headteacher before placing orders, making purchases, or departing from the set school uniform in any form.

5 The Role of Parents

5.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for the school day. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child always wears the correct uniform, that is clean, pressed and in a good state of repair. Safeguarding guidelines given to schools often note that poorly turned out pupils might be suffering from neglect, a safeguarding concern.

5.2 Labelling School Kit

We ask that parents/guardians clearly label all items of school uniform, P.E. Kit, school bags and lunch boxes with their child's name. It is far more likely that labelled items will be found if lost, than unlabelled ones.

5.3 Lost Property

The school does not take responsibility for items lost at school. Whilst school staff members do try their best to help parents locate lost items of school uniform or kit, they are not obliged to do so. Parents are requested to regularly check the school lost property bin for lost items and instruct their child to take care of his/her property. Any

unclaimed items of lost property will be disposed of at the end of each school term insha'Allah.

6 The Role of the School

- 6.1** If a child attends school wearing an incorrect item s/he will be issued with a slip to point this out to parents and request them to ensure the correct school uniform is worn in future.
- 6.2** If a child wears incorrect school uniform again despite the slip having been sent home, the child's teacher will ask parents verbally (when parents collect/drops-off child to school or by phone) to ensure their child wears the correct school uniform in future.
- 6.3** If a child wears incorrect school uniform for a third consecutive time, a letter will be sent by post to parents containing the school uniform policy and request that parents adhere to it.
- 6.4** If the child continues to attend school in incorrect uniform, another letter will be sent by post to parents asking them to a meeting with the headteacher. During this meeting parents will be asked to comply with the school uniform policy otherwise their child will be sent home from school on each subsequent occasion that they should they attend school again wearing incorrect uniform.

7 The Role of the Board of Trustees

7.1 The board of trustees decides the school's uniform and supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

7.2 It is the trustees' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations required of an independent school.

7.3 Trustees ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly and smartly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and Review

8.1 The board of trustees monitors and reviews the school uniform policy periodically and seeks the views of parents, through the school, when conducting reviews.

8.2 This policy will be reviewed every four years or as the need arises.

8.3 Review date: September 2022

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees by: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____