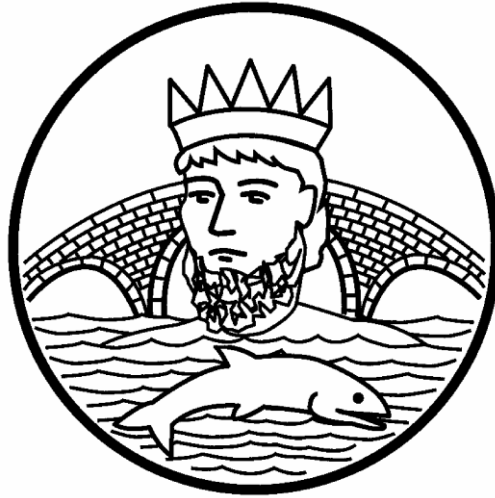


# King Athelstan Primary School



## School Uniform Policy

*King Athelstan Primary School - Inspiring Excellence*

We believe in the relentless pursuit of excellence to achieve high standards.

We are driven to inspire our school community to be aspirational, ambitious and to "dream big."

We empower children with choices which prepare them for a life of opportunity.

We teach children that hard work delivers success; we encourage children to take risks and ask brilliant questions in order to inspire a love and passion for learning.

We teach children to think.

We put children's happiness and welfare at the heart of everything we do.

We value friendship, kindness and respect.

We celebrate the excellence in each individual.

We expect families to work with us to form a strong team around every child.

We teach children to be good citizens.

**We are proud of our school: Come as you are and leave us great.**

**Responsibility: SLT/Welfare and Attendance Officer**

**Date reviewed: June 2022**

**Next review date: June 2025**

Parents and carers must ensure that their children are dressed in the correct school uniform, as this encourages a sense of pride and belonging to the King Athelstan Primary School family. **All items worn/brought to school must be clearly marked with your child's name.**

Children in Nursery are expected to wear comfortable clothing, including sensible footwear, which allows them to access the full range of activities available including physical activities and messy play. Velcro shoes and elasticated waists are ideal as it supports children's independence. Some nursery children choose to wear the school uniform sweatshirt/cardigan; however, this is optional.

All children in Reception to Year 6 are expected to wear the following:

#### **Essential School Uniform:**

- ✓ Purple sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
  - ✓ White polo shirt with or without school logo
  - ✓ Plain black: tailored trousers/tailored shorts/pinafore/skirt
  - ✓ Flat, plain black leather/leather-look school shoes (not boots or trainers)
  - ✓ Plain black/grey/white socks or tights (not leggings)
  - ✓ Purple book bag with school logo
- Children are also expected to bring a coat/waterproof in cold/wet weather and a hat/cap in hot and sunny weather.
  - Skirts should be approximately knee length so that they do not restrict a child's ability to run freely in the playground or sit easily on the floor.
  - Black leggings worn as school trousers or under skirts are not permitted.

#### *Optional School Uniform:*

- Purple and white checked dress or playsuit (summer term)
- A light weight purple fleece with logo is available for outdoor wear

#### **Essential PE Uniform:**

Children wear their PE uniform to school on days that their class has PE. It is therefore important that they take as much pride in this as their school uniform.

- ✓ Purple sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- ✓ Plain white t-shirt
- ✓ Plain black: shorts/jogging bottoms/sports leggings (not fashion leggings)
- ✓ Black plimsolls or trainers
- ✓ Plain black/grey/white socks

Please note that in extreme or exceptional weather conditions, the school will contact families with alternative clothing options to ensure children's health and wellbeing is maintained at all times.

### Accessories and Hair

- Jewellery is not generally permitted however stud earrings may be worn if your child is able to remove them or cover them independently for PE. Religious jewellery is permitted.
- Hair accessories should be discrete and in school colours (black/white/purple) - novelty items such as 'cats ears' headbands and 'JoJo bows' are not permitted.
- Children are permitted to wear discrete watches to school, provided these can be removed independently for PE. We encourage the use of analogue 'teaching' style watches to support children learning to tell the time. Simple digital watches are permitted, provided they do not make any sounds, however smart watches that connect to other devices or have interactive features (e.g. sending/receiving messages or calls) are not allowed in school.
- Children must **not** bring backpacks to school as there is no space to store these.
- No items from home should be brought into school without prior consent from staff. This includes 'fidget tools' - which will be provided by the school if needed.
- Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.
- Due to the age of the children at King Athelstan, it is not expected that children will have extreme or permanent changes to hair colour as these products are not recommended for use by under 16s.

### Ensuring our uniform is inclusive

#### *Culture, race and religion*

At King Athelstan we respect the needs of different cultures, races and religions. We accommodate these needs within the uniform policy and are happy for children to dress appropriately to reflect this (providing that it does not pose a threat to security, safety and learning, or compromise the well-being of the whole school community). We request that children wear plain lilac, black or white hijabs.

#### *Gender*

We recognise that some children in primary school may begin to explore their gender identity. Our uniform is as listed above and items of clothing are not restricted to a particular gender. Please feel free to discuss this with us so we can support your child effectively.

#### *Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)*

As an inclusive school, we understand that occasionally reasonable adjustments to the uniform may be necessary to meet the needs of an individual child. This is likely to be as a result of sensory or physical needs. We are committed to ensuring that all children are comfortable and ready to learn, whilst also continuing to include them within the school's expectations. Reasonable adjustments should be agreed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team so that this can be communicated appropriately to the relevant staff.

### Affordability

We have taken care to limit the number of uniform items requiring the school logo to just our jumpers/cardigans and book bags. All other items of uniform can be purchased through supermarkets and other high street retailers. The school provide all classroom resources that your child needs. The PCSA regularly hold second-hand uniform sales to further support families with uniform costs. Any family experiencing serious financial hardship can approach our Nurture Team for support.

### Availability

The school uniform is available online or in the shop at PMG Schoolwear in Chessington. Other general uniform items are available from any leading chain store. We try to ensure that uniform costs are kept low and will regularly compare prices of suppliers to ensure best value.

### Monitoring

The Attendance and Welfare Officer monitors the implementation of this policy, however it is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that all children wear the correct school uniform, including the correct school shoes. Parents/carers are contacted if children are not consistently in school uniform and appropriate support is offered if applicable.

This policy has been developed in consultation with staff, governors, children and parents/carers.

Signed on behalf of the Governors: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_