

# King Athelstan Primary School

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Dear Families,

## Uniform Policy Amendment

- Plain black trainers may be worn every day, and not just for PE, from September
- Plain black school shoes may still be worn on non-PE days

We are pleased to announce that, as part of our continued efforts to maintain a sense of unity, pride, and comfort among all students, as well as recognising the current financial challenge for families, we will be changing our uniform policy to state that plain black trainers may be worn to school **at all times** from September 2025.

We appreciate that at the moment children need black school shoes for school uniform (non-PE) days and trainers on PE days. By making this change, children can wear plain black trainers every day to school, removing the need for families to purchase two lots of footwear unless they wish to.

Plain black trainers offer a comfortable and practical option for children, providing great support and flexibility for daily activities. Black trainers are also versatile and smart with school uniform. Some children may find them more comfortable for long days at school. For younger children, please do consider their independence and ensure they have Velcro fastenings until they can manage laces.

Please note, all footwear must be plain black, with no coloured logos, stripes or soles. Coloured trainers or football boots, or those with white/coloured logos, are not acceptable. Boots are not part of the school uniform. Many schools already have a plain black trainer policy for PE and therefore we are bringing our uniform in line with this. Plain black trainers are widely available from shoe shops and supermarkets (see below). The rest of the school uniform remains the same.

If your child's current school shoes need replacing this term, they can start to wear black trainers daily to save the additional cost of buying shoes for just a few weeks. Children may also still continue to wear black school shoes on non-PE days in the future if you prefer this.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you will find this a helpful change to our uniform policy. The expectation is that all children will be in plain black footwear from September when this policy comes into effect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily Newton'.

Emily Newton  
Headteacher



Here are some examples of plain black trainers from local shops:



Hennes £15



Adidas, £26



Slazenger, £22  
Sports Direct



Asda from £10



Sainsbury Tu  
from £6.50



Shoe Zone, £10



Shoe Zone, £13



Clarks, £30



Clarks, £40



Next from £20