

UNIFORM & MOBILE PHONE POLICY

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Our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school, and promotes a strong, cohesive school identity, supporting the high standards we aspire to. It gives our pupils a sense of identity.

Pupils in Years 7 - 11 are required to wear a school uniform at all times. We hope that parents will understand the reasons for our school uniform and support us.

We want our pupils to be smartly and sensibly dressed, and despite fashion trends we aim to have a uniform which is practical, comfortable and fit for purpose, but also reflects the ethos and values of the school. We also want our students to be proud of their uniform and their school. It is widely accepted that a uniform improves a child's attitude to work and allows them to focus on learning, rather than their appearance. It also reduces socio-economic differences and instances of bullying based on appearance. Where pupils and parents are being selective about which parts they adhere to, parents who have gone to great lengths to ensure that their child is in correct uniform and have had difficult conversations at home, will rightly question why they have done so when others are not fully compliant.

School Uniform

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled and appropriately named.

The following items of uniform are compulsory

- Maroon school blazer with embroidered badge.
- Mid-grey tailored trousers or mid-grey pleated skirt no shorter than just above the knee or mid grey tailored knee length shorts
- Black or grey socks/black or grey plain knit tights (socks must not be above the knee)
- White school shirt/blouse this must not be a fitted blouse
- School tie with clip on fastener
- Black leather or leather type school shoes

OPTIONAL ITEM

• Plain fine knit v-necked grey jumper embroidered with the school logo

The following items are not permitted under any circumstances

- Canvas shoes/pumps or logoed shoes/trainers. The school has the final decision over the suitability of footwear.
- Boots, high heels, slipper-type pumps
- Hoodies
- Hipster, jeans-style, frayed, lycra, decorated or casual trousers
- Short skirts/fitted skirts
- Jumpers or cardigans which do not have the school logo
- Wide belts/large buckles
- Make up/nail varnish/nail extensions
- Unnatural hair colour (hair should be one natural colour)
- Extreme hairstyles shaved hair or shaved designs in hair are not permitted. Nothing less than a No. 2 is permitted.
- HD/artificial eyebrows
- Ear lobe stretchers, highly decorative earrings, bars or multiple ear piercings
- Headphones/earphones

We offer the following guidelines/expectations:

- Any outdoor coat should be waterproof outdoor coats are not permitted inside the school buildings
- Piercings one small stud earring in the ear lobe is permitted
- No jewellery/bracelets/rings with the exception being one wrist watch and/or one charity band
- It is against the law for anyone under the age of 18 to have a tattoo and therefore we do not expect any of our Yr 7 Yr 11 pupils to have one

<u>These lists are not intended to be exhaustive</u>. The school has the final decision over what is permitted in school and what meets school standards.

PE Kit

Compulsory Kit - Years 7-11 inclusive	Outside Optional Kit - Years 7-11 inclusive
School badged Polo top (unisex or fitted)	A school badged lower garment of either one
	of the following:
	1. black leggings
	2. tracksuit bottoms
School badged Shorts or skort	Long sleeved core base layer/black skin
Any one of the following:	
 School badged full zip pro jacket 	
or	
2. School badged long-sleeved	
rugby top.	
or	
3. School badged sweatshirt	
Long black socks with school name	
(football/rugby type)	
or	
Long black plain black sports socks	
(football/rugby type)	
Trainers	
Shinguards/Gum Shields (for football and	
hockey)	
Football boots/Astro trainers	
(compulsory for field games)	

Swimming: Swimming shorts/trunks/one piece swimming costumes/goggles

and towel

All items of uniform must be purchased from one of our four local suppliers,

however the standard items such as trousers and pleated skirts are also widely available from high street stores:

1. BADGED

Cockayne House, Love Lane, Betchton, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 2TS Tel: 01477 500 504

2. HIGHTOWN MENSWEAR

Trading out of: Sandbach Market Hall, High Street, Sandbach, CW11 1AX Tel: 01270 767755

3. ALSAGER & SANDBACH SADDLERY

Day Green Farm Hassall Road, Sandbach, CW11 4XU Tel: 01270 872095

4. NATIONAL SCHOOLWEAR CENTRES

99-101 Stafford Street, Hanley, Stoke on Trent, ST1 1LS Tel: 01782 272991

5. SMART CHOICE UNIFORM

63 Crewe Road, Alsager, ST7 2EZ

Mobile Phones/Personal Music Players/Headphones

Mobile phones must not be used <u>on site</u> during the <u>school day</u>. All pupils must switch off phones at the start of the day. Smart watches must not be used for communication or games and will be confiscated in line with our mobile phone policy. If you need to contact your child in **an emergency**, please phone the school directly and we will contact your child as soon as possible.

All contact with your child during the school day must be done directly through the school and not via their mobile phone.

Personal music players are not to be used during the school day.

Any pupil found using or having out in view a mobile phone/personal music player or headphones during the school day will:

- Have the item confiscated and it will be placed in a named envelope in the safe in the Heads of College office and should be collected at the end of the school day.
- Pupils who repeatedly use mobile phones or music players or smart watches during the school day will have the item confiscated as above and will need a parent/carer to collect it.

Pupils are responsible for their own belongings. Alsager School accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to any electronic devices (mobile phones, personal music players etc)

Additionally, there are restrictions for staff, all sixth form students and visitors as to where they can use their phones.