



Alsager School

## 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 full school uniform at all times. We ask that parents support us in the implementation of this policy.

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 are proud of our pupils and our school and want our pupils to take pride in their uniform and appearance, and the sense of identity it gives the school community. 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. We are grateful to our parents who fully support us in ensuring their child meets this policy.

### **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 ankle or knee length socks or black or grey plain knit tights
- 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

#### **Personal appearance**

How we present ourselves reflects how ready we are to learn and belong to the school community. At Alsager School we don't chase fashion. Our high expectations of ourselves and others are reflected in our personal appearance.

Make up should be natural and discreet. Pupils who are asked to tone down their make-up should do so without question.

False eyelashes and/or extreme fake tan are not permitted.

Hair – extreme colours or styles are not permitted (for example, but not limited to, unnatural dyes or unnatural patterns cut/shaved into the hair). Hair must be one natural colour.

Long hair must be tied back for practical subjects.

**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
- Coloured nail varnish/nail extensions/gel nails
- Unnatural hair colour (hair should be one natural colour)
- Extreme hairstyles - shaved hair or shaved designs in hair are not permitted
- Extreme fake tan
- HD/artificial eyebrows
- Ear lobe stretchers, highly decorative earrings, bars or multiple ear piercings, facial jewellery or jewellery in the top of the ear even if covered or clear plastic
- Headphones/earphones

Hairbands or clips should be modest and not elaborate. They should be one dark colour in line with the school uniform. Pupils should not wear fake hair pieces.

**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 wristwatch 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
- Smartwatches must only be used to tell the time (they will be confiscated if used for any other purpose).

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

**Non-compliance with the school uniform policy**

Where an issue with uniform can be rectified at the time (e.g. make up or jewellery removed) pupils will be expected to do so. Failure to follow a reasonable request will be dealt with under the Behaviour Policy.

Where an issue cannot be rectified on the day. Pupils will be placed on an alternate timetable until this is rectified.

Our parents go to great lengths to ensure that their child is in correct uniform; they may have had difficult conversations at home in supporting the school with this policy and would rightly question why they have done so if others are not fully compliant.

If you are uncertain about an item of uniform or are considering a change of hairstyle but are not sure it will meet the uniform requirements, please speak to your child's Head of College before making the purchase or change.

**PE Kit**

<b>Compulsory Kit - Years 7-11 inclusive</b>	<b>Outside Optional Kit - Years 7-11 inclusive</b>
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: 1. 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

**School bag:** pupils should come to school with an appropriately sized bag for carrying books and equipment. We recommend a ruck sack and a separate bag for PE kit.

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

**Second hand uniform may be obtained from (and donated to):** Alsager Community Support Centre, 19-21 Crewe Rd, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 2EW. **Phone:** [01270 876605](tel:01270876605)

**Mobile Phones/Personal Music Players/Headphones/Smart Watches**

Mobile phones must not be used **on site** during the **school day**. 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.