

Uniform Guidelines

Purpose

At Kickstart Academy, we aim to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment where every student feels a sense of belonging and can focus on learning and personal growth.

Our approach to dress

We believe that how our students present themselves reflects their confidence, individuality, and readiness to engage in learning. Our dress code is appropriately implemented to ensure students are safe and belong, striking a balance between promoting a sense of collective and personal identity, maintaining safety and accommodating individual needs.

General guidelines

We encourage students to wear clothing that:

- Is comfortable and appropriate for the weather and school activities (e.g. sportswear for PE).
- Covers the torso and lower body appropriately. Sturdy and protective footwear should be worn at all times.
- Does not include offensive language, gang-related symbols, or references to drugs or alcohol.
- Keeps hoods down and hats/caps off indoors, unless worn for religious or medical reasons.
- Includes only one layer of trousers or jumpers to ensure safety and comfort.
- Allows for subtle makeup and safe nail lengths.
- Permits modest jewellery such as studded earrings, a wristwatch, one ring, or a necklace. Jewellery should be removed during physical or vocational activities for safety.

Examples of acceptable clothing

- Kickstart Academy navy polo shirt, jumper, or football team shirt. *These can be purchased at the School Office. Jumper £16 and Polo shirt £9.*
- Black, navy, grey or white plain T-shirts or polo shirts that cover shoulders (no vests).
- Black, navy, or grey joggers, jeans, trousers, or leggings.
- Knee-length shorts or skirts.
- Dark trainers, shoes, or boots.
- Cultural or religious attire is warmly welcomed.

Examples of unacceptable clothing

- Clothing with explicit, violent or discriminatory images or language.
- Short shorts, low cut tops, revealing leggings, or clothing that exposes underwear.
- Flip flops, open back or open toed sandals.
- Balaclava, ski masks, or full face coverings (unless for medical or religious reasons).
- No sunglasses should be worn on the school premises.

Need Support?

If you arrive out of uniform for any reason, don't worry — we're here to help. We'll happily lend you what you need so you can feel comfortable and confident throughout your day.

