

Armadale Academy – School Uniform

Session 2024 - 2025



All schools in Scotland have recently been provided with draft national guidance about school uniform which is expected to become statutory in the next Parliamentary session. This will require all schools, including ourselves, to consult further to revise our uniform policy/dress code to consider the three key areas of: Equity, Inclusion and Sustainability.

Although we do not anticipate any major changes to our uniform policy, it will be appropriate to revise and update it in line with this national guidance to ensure we minimise costs for families, commit to sustainability, and support an inclusive culture by eliminating any unnecessary barriers and recognising practicality.

We firmly believe all policies like this should be informed by student, parent/carer and staff views and we plan to set up a group in school working on this. Please contact the school office to register your interest if you would like to contribute to our discussions as a parent/carer.

We realise that some parents/carers are keen to purchase new uniform items for next term or next session so please find attached our uniform flyer which outlines our expectations.

Wearing school uniform has many benefits which include:

- Promoting pride in Armadale Academy
- Promoting a sense of belonging
- Promoting a positive mind-set and separates home from school, Students come into school ready to work.
- Creates a level playing field, nobody has to have the latest designer clothes and this reduces pressure on young people

Increasingly we are seeing students come to school in designer jumpers from brands such as Stone Island and C.P. Company. These jumpers cost in excess of £300 and we do not feel that any student should be wearing an item of clothing of this value to school. If families wish to buy these brands, please save them for out with the school day. In addition to concerns about loss or damage of such an expensive item, wearing designer jumpers also adds to financial burden on other families who feel the pressure from their children to have branded clothing. Equity is one of our school values and we feel our current policy is equitable. We greatly appreciate your support with buying a plain, unbranded black jumper (or Armadale sweater) and not allowing your child to wear designer clothes to school.

As always, if anyone requires any help/support with uniform please contact our student support team and we will be delighted to help and support you. Information has been shared regarding applications for the school clothing grant.

Many Thanks for your support

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