



# Whitburn Church of England Academy

An Academy with Specialist Status in Maths and Computing

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## Academy Uniform Standards

Dear Parent/Carer

As the school year approaches its conclusion we very much hope that your child has had a happy, productive year, and has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

As you will be aware, children grow out of their uniform all too quickly. This is why we have tried to keep our uniform inexpensive and simple, and also why we are perhaps more tolerant at this time of the year of shirts and skirts becoming slightly shorter than they should be.

However, our standards of uniform remain high and as holidays are often the time for new purchases, piercings and hair styles, we thought it appropriate to recap on our expectations, to ensure that pupils attend the Academy in September and beyond, appropriately dressed in line with our agreed policy.

It is the Academy policy that all pupils wear the following uniform:

### Acceptable

- A black school skirt or pair of formal trousers
- A black sweatshirt or black V neck jumper with the school logo
- A long or short sleeved formal white shirt with a formal collar. **Please note this must be a formal shirt that can be tucked comfortably into the waistband**
- Either black or white socks or plain black or natural tights
- **Plain black school shoes, heels no greater than 2cm**
- Plain black outdoor coat, no logo larger than a 50p piece
- Academy tie, including Prefect / Senior Prefect tie, Head Boy / Girl tie, or House Captain tie, as appropriate
- Suitable bag to carry books and equipment
- Academy scarf or a plain black scarf

### Not Acceptable

- Leather or 'leather – look' coats, hooded tops and zipped tops
- Cardigans, jumpers or sweatshirts without the school logo or any high collars which obscure the tie
- Short or fitted fashion blouses (school shirts must be of traditional design and tucked in)
- Tank tops
- Baseball caps

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- Jeans or any trousers with rivets
- Very short or tight-fitting skirts (more than 5cm above the knee)
- Hipster trousers worn immodestly so that underwear or midriff is on display
- Trainers or trainer-type shoes usually (exemplified with coloured soles, trims or logos), fabric pumps or sandals. Pupils wearing trainers will work in the Quiet Room, unless excused by a written medical note
- Any jewellery other than watches will be confiscated; including rings, earrings, bracelets or any other piercing. Pupils should have any new piercing timed to coincide with the start of the summer holiday to ensure any jewellery can be removed to attend school in September. Retainers will not be allowed
- No make-up or nail varnish is allowed
- Hair should be styled and coloured within the normal range (no unusual or extreme styles or colours)

Pupils will be challenged if they do not adhere to the rules and sanctioned if they do not rectify their uniform issues. We also have uniform to loan to pupils where their dress is deemed to be inappropriate for school

All parents and carers signed up to our policy when sending on sending their children here and we appreciate your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Hardie". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**A Hardie**  
**Principal**