

# School Uniform Policy

## Al-Noor Voluntary Aided Primary School



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## Introduction

- 1.1** School uniform is compulsory at Al-Noor Primary School. Pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in an event organised by the school outside normal school hours. The school provides a complete list of school uniform in the school's *Parental Handbook*, which is distributed to all parents upon enrolling a child at the school.

## Aims and Objectives

- 1.2** Al-Noor Primary school believes that wearing school uniform, underscores the full, equal worth of each pupil and demonstrates the coming together for a common purpose, unifying the school community alongside the school's vision, values and ethos. School uniform also:
- promotes a sense of pride in being part of the school;
  - engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
  - is practical and smart;
  - is in line with the ethos of the school;
  - prevents the distractions of fashion from the purpose of school life;
  - aims to equalise children in terms of their appearance;
  - is of good quality, suitable wear for school and good value for money.

## Uniform List

- 1.3** Almost all uniform garments must be purchased only from the school's official uniform supplier, Khalsa Schoolwear. Their shop can be found at the following address: 388 Bethnal Green Road, London E2 0AH. Alternatively, parents may purchase uniform from the online shop at: [www.khalsaschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.khalsaschoolwear.co.uk). Uniform can also be purchased periodically at the school premises and the school writes to parents to publicise these school sales.

ITEM	COMPULSORY IN WHICH YEAR GROUP
<b>Boys' Uniform</b>	
School trousers	all – <i>not necessarily from supplier</i>
Long sleeved white school shirt	all – <i>not necessarily from supplier</i>
School jumper	all
School tie	Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6 only
Black shoes and black/grey socks	all
<b>Boys' Summer uniform</b>	
School shorts (over the knee)*	<i>optional – see notes below</i>
Short-sleeved white school shirt	<i>optional</i>
<b>Girls' Uniform</b>	
School pinafore	all
School trousers	all – <i>not necessarily from supplier</i>
Long sleeved white school shirt	all – <i>not necessarily from supplier</i>
School cardigan	all
Plain, navy, slip-on hijab	all – Yrs R, 1 and 2 <i>optional</i>
School skirt	<i>optional</i>

ITEM	COMPULSORY IN WHICH YEAR GROUP
Black shoes and white socks	all – <i>not necessarily from supplier</i>
<b>Girls' Summer uniform</b>	
Plain white, long sleeved, shirt dress**	<i>optional – see notes below</i>
<b>PE uniform – boys and girls</b>	
School PE jogging bottoms	all
School long-sleeved polo shirt	all
School PE sweat shirt	all
Black plimsolls	all – <i>not necessarily from supplier</i>
<b>School Bags – boys and girls</b>	
School Book-Bag	all
School PE Bag	<i>optional</i>

\* As over the knee school shorts are not customarily available, you may shorten and hem normal school trousers to the appropriate length.

\*\* The shirt dress should be full-sleeved, collared, buttoned and to the knee. As this item may not be customarily available, you may tailor the item as per the above specifications. This is to be worn over normal school trousers, without the pinafore or additional shirt.



## Other

- 2.1** School book bags with the school logo are **required**. PE bags with the school logo are **optional**. Lunch boxes, additional school bags and coats can be bought from other retailers and must not be decorated with images of people or animals.

- 2.2** Children in all classes must come to school wearing their PE uniform on the day(s) they have PE scheduled and stay in it for the whole day. Children must also wear black plimsolls only, as prescribed on the uniform list. No other footwear is permissible.
- 2.3 Nail varnish and make up**  
The wearing of nail varnish and make up by pupils is strictly prohibited.
- 2.4 Jewellery**  
On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery at school. The exceptions to this rule are 'stud' earrings for girls who have pierced ears. We ask children to remove these during PE lessons, or cover them with a plaster to prevent them from causing injury.
- 2.5 Haircuts**  
The school requires that pupils are smartly dressed and groomed. 'Extreme' haircuts and styles are not permitted. The school leaves the judgement of what constitutes an extreme haircut to the discretion of the head teacher.
- 2.6 Footwear**  
The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear but is not in keeping with the smart appearance required by the school's uniform. We oblige all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list. All shoes must have non-marking soles to prevent damage to school carpets and floor coverings.
- 2.7 School Uniform during Colder Weather**  
During the winter, or whenever the weather is colder, pupils can wear the following garments under the standard school uniform to keep warm:
- **Under shirts:** plain, collar-less, white, long or short-sleeved tops or thermal tops;
  - **Under trousers:** plain pyjamas or thermal leggings.
- 2.8 Hats**  
Boys whose parents wish them to wear a cloth hat (topi) may wear a white cloth hat (topi).

## Exceptions

- 3.1** If a child has a medical condition that warrants it, or cannot fit into sizes available from the uniform supplier, allowances can be made for parents to privately tailor their child's uniform in the exact shade and style, in a more suitable cloth or to the right size.
- 3.2** Prior authorisation for this must be sought from the headteacher in writing. Parents who wish to invoke this are required to submit the request to the headteacher in writing, with a doctor's note to support a request on medical grounds.
- 3.3** Parents must await a written response from the headteacher before placing orders, making purchases, or departing from the set school uniform in any form.

## **The Role of Parents**

- 4.1** We ask all parents who send their children to our school to adhere carefully to the school uniform policy. It is the duty of parents to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for each school day, ensuring that their child's uniform is always clean, stain-free, pressed and in a good state of repair. Safeguarding guidelines given to schools often note that poorly turned out pupils might be suffering from neglect, which is a safeguarding concern.
- 4.2 Labelling School Kit**  
Parents/guardians are asked to clearly label all items of school uniform, P.E. Kit, school bags and lunch boxes with their child's name. It is far more likely that labelled items will be found if lost, than unlabelled ones.
- 4.3 Lost Property**  
The school does not take responsibility for items lost at school. Whilst school staff members do try their best to help parents locate lost items of school uniform or kit, they are not obliged to do so. Parents are requested to regularly check the school lost property bin for lost items and instruct their child to take care of his/her property. Unclaimed items of lost property will be disposed of at the end of a year.

## **Enforcement**

- 5.1** The school insists on high standards for pupil presentation and grooming at the school each day and will enforce the terms of the uniform policy to ensure this. It must be pointed out additionally that the requirements for Safeguarding children necessitate staff taking note of regularly 'poorly turned out' pupils as an indicator of neglect.
- 5.2** If a child attends school wearing an incorrect item, his/her parents will be sent an email or receive a phone call to point this out and ensure the correct school uniform is worn in future.
- 5.3** If a child wears incorrect school uniform again despite the above, the child's teacher will ask parents verbally (when parents collects/drops-off child to school or by phone) to ensure their child wears the correct school uniform in future.
- 5.4** If a child wears incorrect school uniform for a third consecutive time, parents will be asked to bring in the correct item of clothing.
- 5.5** If a child continues to wear incorrect clothing, s/he may be barred entry and his/her parents asked to take him/her home until s/he returns wearing the correct uniform.