KINGSBROOK VIEW
PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Kingsbrook View is very proud of its Academy uniform. In line with our strong Academy values, we believe that wearing the Academy uniform and PE kit will give our children a sense of pride in themselves and the academy, as well as demonstrating respect for their aspirations and achievements by looking and feeling smart. We are often complimented on how smart our children look in their Academy colours.

We have high expectations and want our children looking presentable and smart in their uniform, which is why we have embroidered uniform. Children must wear an Academy branded jumper or cardigan displaying the Academy logo. However, we will accept a plain, clean white polo shirt.

Where a child does not meet the Academy's uniform requirements, the Academy will work with parents/carers to resolve the issue in a supportive, reasonable and proportionate manner. Parents/carers will receive a reminder letter identifying the specific item(s) of uniform that do not comply with the Academy's uniform policy whenever a concern is identified. A copy of the reminder letter can be found in Appendix 2. The Academy will seek to work collaboratively with families to ensure that any issues are addressed promptly and appropriately.

Parents remain responsible for any health and safety factors that relate to the wearing of any jewellery and uniform. KVPA is unable to accept any responsibility if damaged or lost.

All uniform should be clearly named.

Academy uniform

- Trousers, knee length skirt or pinafore dress (grey or black)
- White polo shirt with the Academy logo or a plain white polo shirt.
- Academy green sweatshirt or cardigan with Academy logo
- Summer gingham dress in green and white small checks
- Full length plain leggings can be worn under skirts or dresses (plain black, white or grey)
- Socks (plain black, white or grey)
- Tights (plain black, white or grey)
- Headscarves in the short-fitted children's style, no pins (plain black)
- Religious or cultural headwear in children's style, no pins (plain black)
- Plain black shoes with a flat heel/sole

Fashion boots, trainers, high heels and ballet-style pumps are not permitted.

PE kit

- Black shadow stripe shorts
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms
- Kingsbrook View badged white t-shirt with Academy logo or plain white t-shirt
- Plain black jumper, KVPA branded hoodie or plain black zip up hoodie

- Socks (plain black, white or grey)
- KS2 **black plain trainers** (laces only if the pupils are able to tie them themselves)
- FS/KS1 **plain black plimsolls or trainers** (no laces)
- Kingsbrook View badged green PE bag

Children in KS1/KS2 will need to wear their KVPA PE kit on their designated PE day which can be found on the 'class pages' of the Academy website. Foundation stage children will need to bring in their KVPA PE kit at the beginning of the term and keep it in the Academy. This will then go home at the end of each half term to be washed.

It is not the Academy's practice to contact parents if children do not have the correct PE kit in the Academy on the correct day.

Swimming (KS2 only)

- Trunks (not loose swimming shorts) or one-piece swimming costume
- Swimming hat
- Towel
- Waterproof bag
- **No talc or sprays**

Hair

- Hair of shoulder length or longer must be always tied back using simple hair accessories.
- Any hair accessories must be plain and in the following colours: black, white or green. **No oversized bows, patterns or characters.**
- Hair styles should be appropriate and must not obscure a child's vision.

Hairstyles must be appropriate for a primary school environment and should not include shaved patterns, logos, words or brightly coloured dyes.

Jewellery
(see appendix 1 for examples of permitted earrings)

- FS/KS1 children may wear one pair of small, simple, plain round studs if they have pierced ears, but they must be removed on PE days before entering the Academy.
- KS2 children may wear one pair of small, simple, plain round studs if they have pierced ears. KS2 pupils must be able to remove and reinsert their earrings independently. If they are unable to do so, earrings should not be worn on PE days.
- Studs must not exceed 5 mm in diameter.
- **Tape over earrings is not permitted.**
- For safety reasons, children must not wear bracelets or necklaces into the Academy.
- Simple, named watches may be worn from Year 2 upwards (no novelty watches, no detachable parts, no loud sounds, **no Smart watches**)

If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, the most appropriate time is the beginning of the summer holidays.

Religious Jewellery

Religious jewellery that is integral to religious beliefs are permitted.

Requests to wear religious jewellery should be discussed with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

The following must apply if religious jewellery is worn:

- Jewellery must be removed for PE – this is for safety reasons.
- A member of staff must be made aware of any religious jewellery being worn.

Make up

- **Children are not permitted to wear make-up (including nail varnish) for health and safety reasons.**
- KVPA staff reserve the right to contact you and ask for you to come in and remove any make-up or nail varnish.

Outdoor clothes

- To support Forest School and outdoor learning and to avoid spoiling uniform, it would be useful for children in Foundation Stage and KS1 to keep an old pair of wellies in the academy. Teachers will inform parents if waterproof clothes are needed.

Additional items

Water bottles

- Children should have a named water bottle that they bring with them every day.

Stationery

- Unless directed by the class teacher, children in FS and KS1 are not required to bring pencil cases into the Academy
- Children in KS2 are expected to provide their own stationery – a list is provided

Buying uniform

For the purposes of affordability and in line with Department for Education (DfE) guidance, the Academy keeps compulsory branded uniform items to an absolute minimum. While the DfE permits primary schools to require up to three branded uniform or PE kit items, at KVPA we require only one compulsory branded item: the Academy jumper or cardigan. Optional branded items, including the PE hoodie, T-shirt and polo shirt, are available for families who wish to purchase them, but these are not required. This approach supports Academy identity while helping to keep uniform costs reasonable for all families.

Our uniform is supplied by **PL Schoolwear**, who are based in Aylesbury. You can order online or visit their store.

Details can be found on their website:
https://plschoolwear.co.uk/shop/aylesbury/kingsbrook-view-primary-academy

and on the KVPA website: https://www.kvpa.org.uk/Office/Uniform/

Some second-hand uniform is available from the PTFA and interested parents/carers should contact the Academy office or the PTFA directly. Our stock of second-hand uniform is constantly changing and we cannot guarantee that we have all items, in all sizes. Our PTFA run second hand uniform sales throughout the academic year and parents/carers will be informed when these are taking place. This is dependent on the levels of spare uniform they have.

Expectations

All children should have their polo shirts tucked in before entering the Academy building and jumpers and sweatshirts should not be tied around waists. Underwear should not be visible.

Responsibilities

Academy staff reserve the right to uphold the academy's uniform policy and will ask children and parents to observe the policy and be respectful of this. Staff may ask children (as appropriate to age) or parents to remove or change any items that go against the academy's uniform policy.

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Appendix 1

Example of Academy Appropriate Earrings

Small, simple and safe options that are ideal for everyday wear.

What to look for:

- Small size (under 5mm)
- Secure fittings (butterfly back or screw back)
- Safe and comfortable
- Simple design

Please see below some examples of appropriate earrings:

Appendix 2

The following is a template of the Uniform Reminder Letter sent to parents/carers when a child does not meet the Academy's uniform requirements.

Uniform Reminder Notice

Pupil Name:_____

Date: _____

Dear Parent/Carer,
At Kingsbrook View Primary Academy we are proud of our academy uniform and appreciate your support in ensuring that children attend school dressed appropriately and safely each day.

Today, your child was not wearing the correct academy uniform. Please see the items checked below:

Academy Uniform
☐ Incorrect jumper/cardigan (academy green required)
☐ Incorrect polo shirt
☐ Incorrect trousers/skirt/pinafore
☐ Incorrect dress
☐ Incorrect leggings
☐ Incorrect socks/tights
☐ Incorrect footwear
☐ Trainers worn instead of school shoes
☐ Boots worn instead of school shoes
☐ Incorrect hair accessories
☐ Hair not tied back as required
☐ Fashion hairstyle/pattern shaved into hair

Jewellery
☐ Earrings that are not permitted under the academy policy
☐ Necklace worn
☐ Bracelet worn
☐ Smart watch/novelty watch worn

PE Kit
☐ Incorrect PE t-shirt
☐ Incorrect PE shorts/tracksuit bottoms
☐ Incorrect PE footwear
☐ No PE kit brought to school
☐ Earrings not removed for PE

☐ Make up worn
☐ Nail varnish worn

☐ Other (please specify):

Please could the correct uniform be provided within the next 7 days. For jewellery, this must be actioned immediately. If you have any questions regarding the uniform policy, or require support in obtaining uniform, please contact the academy office.

Thank you for your continued support.