

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT GUIDANCE

KS3 and KS4

Compulsory items from stockists

1. **Branded grey Blazer or Jumper** – Students must wear one of these branded items available from our stockists (except in extreme weather as communicated by the school). Gender tailored blazers are available. None branded blazers or jumpers are not permitted.
 2. **Tie** - Ashby School maroon clip-on tie.
Please ensure these branded items are named so they can be returned to your young person should they be lost.
 3. **PE top:** Ashby branded maroon t-shirt (initials are added at purchase point)
 4. **ID Lanyards** will be provided upon joining Ashby School, these will be coloured according to year group. The ID card to be worn with the lanyard will also be provided. As part of our safeguarding procedures, students are required to wear these at all times and not deface the cards. Any replacement cards or lanyards must be purchased online via Wisepay or from Café Express at lunch time.
- **Tartan pleat skirts** are being phased out. They may be worn for 2026-2027 but are no longer available for purchase and will not be accepted from August 2027.

Items available for general purchase

- **Trousers** - Plain black trousers must be in a tailored style and made of polyester. They must not be skintight, leggings, jeans or jean/chino-style.
- **Skirts** – Plain black skirt or skort must be pleated, tailored in style, and worn at an appropriate length. Skintight or bodycon skirts are not permitted.
- **Shorts** – Formal, plain black shorts must be in a tailored style and made of polyester, (worn at an appropriate length).
- **Shirts** - Plain white shirt or blouse (long or short-sleeved). Shirts must be tucked in (students with sensory needs can speak to the SEND department if this is an issue). Polo-shirts are not acceptable; sensory shirts are available to purchase for students with Special Educational or sensory Needs.
- **Tights** -Tights can be natural or black. Non-sport leggings may also be worn under skirts but not on their own.
- **Shoes** - Footwear must be **plain, black & polishable** with no coloured logos or additional tags.
- Socks - Black, grey or white. Sock length should be below the knee.
- Belts - Plain only, in keeping with professional office dress.
- Outdoor coats - Coats must be smart and free of pictures, messages and logos. No denim jackets. Outdoor coats may have hoods, but hoods must be down while students are anywhere on school premises unless raining. Coats must be removed in classrooms.
- Outer wear accessories - Hats, scarves and gloves must be smart, fit for purpose and free of pictures, messages and logos. They must be removed when in school buildings.
Baseball caps are not permitted.

Additional PE wear

- PE Plain Black sweatshirt – any logo must be small enough to be covered with a lanyard card.
- Ashby PE top as detailed above.
- PE black shorts/skort/joggers/running legging.
- Sport socks.
- Suitable footwear.

Additional points

- Baseball caps are not permitted on the school site.
- Hoodies - Hoodies are not permitted in school.

- Hair colour - Hair should be of a natural colour even if dyed (pink/ purple/ blue etc. are not acceptable). Hair should be styled in keeping with professional office dress. No extreme styles, such as mohicans, punk styles, hair art etc.
- Earrings - Stud or small hooped earrings only. Students may wear up to two pairs per ear but must not wear dangle earrings.
- Jewellery - No excessive jewellery.
- Piercings - No facial piercings, beyond one nose stud piercing, is permitted (not tongue, lip, ear-bars etc). Any students wearing these will be required to remove the items or wear a retainer or clear plastic stud which they must provide. (We have a small number for sale where required).
- No fashion belts.
- Tattoos - No visible tattoos are permitted. Any students with a visible tattoo will be required to cover it during the school day.
- False nails must be reasonable and must not interfere with learning activities.

Breaches of our uniform expectations are dealt with in line with our behaviour policy being mindful of our ability to provide support as outlined below

Support with uniform costs

Support for students in receipt of pupil premium is available.

PE Kit

We expect all students to engage with PE lessons. All students are expected to bring in their FULL PE KIT to every lesson. Any student that does not bring in their PE kit will need to borrow from the spare kit room (this kit is washed after every use by PE staff). Where students are unwell, they are expected to still bring their kit and change so they can partake in learning through being a coach or an official, unless an injury prevents them from changing. They should also bring a note from home explaining why they can't take part in the physical aspect of the lesson. Students in these roles will be able to wear a coat in cold weather.

Additional PE safety equipment

If your child is taking part in Football and Rugby on the field, then boots are compulsory. We only expect each student to have one pair of boots. We also strongly recommend students having shin pads for Football. As a Department, PE do have a small number of these supplies that can be loaned. We welcome any donations.

Ashby Sixth Form Dress Code

The majority of students prefer to have a dress code in the Sixth Form, as this saves competitive dressing and daily concerns over what to wear. We expect Sixth Form to dress as if they are working in a business/office environment, thus low-cut tops, strappy tops, shorts, flip flops etc are not acceptable.

For full details of the Sixth Form Dress code, please see the Sixth Form area of the website.

Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

This information below aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers.
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010.
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform.

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Not list uniform items based on gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all students
- Allow all students to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow students to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow students to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking students or their parents to get in touch via our admin@ashbyschool.org.uk e-mail address.

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable and in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

Uniform is an important part of our ethos. It sets a tone for learning, removes peer-pressure around dressing for school and creates a strong community identity both within and beyond school. Our uniform policy is in line with neighbouring schools and schools within the LiFE MAT.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform provides the best value for money for parents/carers. We will do this by:

- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics. Our school blazer and/or jumper, tie and PE top* are the only essential items that feature our school logo and need to be ordered from a school stockist.
- Not having specific requirements for items students could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes.
- Not having different uniform requirements for different year groups and classes so uniform can be used for several years & shared with relatives/neighbours.
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items through the Ashby School exchange scheme.

Where to purchase uniform

The school's registered stockists include:

- Pupils Schoolwear at Swadlincote (in store or online at www.pupilsschoolwear.co.uk)
- Liss Sport (**PE Kit only**) <https://www.lissport.co.uk/>
- Ashby Schoolwear online at www.ashbyschoolwear.co.uk (with free delivery on items over £50)

Equipment

Every student is expected to provide the following basic items of equipment for every lesson:

- Black or blue ballpoint pen (and a spare)
- Red/other colour ballpoint pen
- Pencil
- Coloured pencils/Fine fibre tip pens
- Pencil eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- 30cm ruler
- Scientific calculator (see website for more details)

- Protractor
- Glue Stick
- Highlighter
- Sensible bag, large enough to carry books and equipment.
- Permanent markers are also not to be brought to school.

Oversight

The governing board and the Multiacademy Trust will review our uniform approach and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and students
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all students
- Gives value for money