



Uniform Policy

Rationale

At Arcadia School we believe that a smart uniform reflects pride and is in keeping with our high standards. The school uniform is neat and appropriate for children to be comfortable throughout the school day, while reflecting our high standards as a school.

Aims

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform;

- + promotes a sense of pride in the school
- + is practical and distinctive
- + reflects the norms of a high quality international school and is culturally appropriate in Dubai
- + engenders a feeling of belonging
- + encourages an ethos of equality amongst pupils

Requirements at each key stage *(included in school fee):*

(Replacement items during the year are to be purchased by parents)

FOUNDATION STAGE	YEAR 1 GIRLS	YEAR 1 BOYS	YEAR 2 TO YEAR 5 GIRLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2 Knee length skirt (girls)▪ 2 Short trousers (boys)▪ 2 Polo shirt▪ 1 Cardigan/Pullover▪ 2 PE Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2 Knee length skirt▪ 1 Polo shirt▪ 1 Short sleeve blouse▪ 1 Cardigan▪ 2 PE Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1 Short Trouser▪ 1 Long Trouser▪ 1 Polo shirt▪ 1 Short sleeve shirt▪ 1 Pullover▪ 2 PE Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1 Knee length skirt▪ 1 Ankle length skirt/trousers▪ 2 short sleeve blouse▪ 1 cardigan▪ 1 tie (year 3 up)▪ 2 PE Kit
YEAR 2 TO YEAR 5 BOYS	YEAR 6 UPWARDS GIRLS	YEAR 6 UPWARDS BOYS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1 Short Trouser▪ 1 Long Trouser▪ 2 short sleeve shirt▪ 1 Pullover▪ 1 tie (year 3 up)▪ 2 PE Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1 Knee length skirt▪ 1 Ankle length skirt/trousers▪ 2 short sleeve blouse▪ 1 cardigan▪ 1 tie▪ 2 PE Kit▪ 1 Blazer (to be purchased)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2 Long Trouser▪ 2 short sleeve shirt▪ 1 Pullover▪ 1 tie▪ 2 PE Kit▪ 1 Blazer (to be purchased)	

Items required to be purchased by parents outside of school:

School Shoes

Parents are required to purchase school shoes for daily wear, based on the following guidelines:

Girls

Black shoes: flat (no heel), lace up or velcro fastening (please note that velcro may be easier than laces for young children). Girls from Year 1 up are allowed to wear black slip-on shoes (ballet pump) but the heel must be flat. Sports shoes/trainers are only to be worn with a PE kit.

Boys

Black shoes: flat (no heel), lace up or velcro fastening (please note that velcro may be easier than laces for young children). Sports shoes/trainers are only to be worn with PE kit.

Socks

White or Dark (Blue, Grey, Black) ankle socks (no stripes).

White ankle socks for sports

School Bag

- School bags may be back-pack style only - **No trolley bags.**
- Parents should note that children will only be carrying;
 - a small number of books
 - PE kit bag (on specific days only)
 - iPad (Year 3 and up)
 - lunch (if not purchased at the canteen),therefore it is completely up to parents if they feel a school bag is necessary or not.

Swimming

- Girls – one piece costume
- Boys – no board shorts

Jewellery and Headwear

- For health and safety reasons, pupils may only wear small studs (no hanging earrings of any kind)
- Headwear is only to be worn inside for religious or medical reasons.
- Hairbands for girls are to be simple and in Arcadia colours only (no 'cats ears' or tiara-type head-wear).
- Ribbons/bows if worn must be small, simple and in Arcadia colours only (no 'oversize' ribbons/bows).

Required

- The school tie must be worn from Year 3 up as part of the full school uniform.
- Children must wear the full school uniform every day and will be politely and discretely reminded if they are not.

PE Kit

Primary

- PE Kit may be worn to school whenever the child has PE or sports

Secondary

- Senior pupils are required to wear their regular school uniform to school each day and will bring their PE kit to school to change into on Sports/PE days.

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