



**Sacriston
Academy**

Uniform Policy

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**North East
Learning Trust**

Review history

Review Date	Reviewer	Approved by	Date approved	Implementation
July 2023	Headteacher	Executive Headteacher	August 2023	September 2023
Sept 2025				

Recent revisions

Issue No.	Date	Revisions made
5	September 2023	Updated information on body piercings
6	January 2024	Updated to include reference to religious head coverings Updated link for ordering uniform

1. Introduction

Sacriston Academy is part of the North East Learning Trust and the uniform policy supports the high standards of the Trust and the Academy as well as ensuring a strong sense of identity amongst our pupils. Our pupils wear their uniform with pride and working with the School Council has ensured that the uniform is comfortable, practical, smart, and as low-cost as possible. The Trust and the Academy ask that all parents/carers and pupils adhere to the policy.

2. Aims

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

- promotes a sense of belonging.
- is practical and distinctive.
- identifies the children with the Academy.
- is not distracting in class.
- makes children feel equal in terms of appearance.
- reflects the sense both of community and diversity that the Academy takes pride in.

3. School uniform

All pupils should wear:

- Sacriston Academy purple V-neck jumper or cardigan (required, only available from the uniform supplier)
- White shirt (required, generic)
- School tie (required, only available from the uniform supplier)
- Grey straight legged trousers/Grey knee length skirt (required, generic)
- Plain grey or black socks or white knee-high socks or white ankle socks in summer (required, generic)
- Purple Sacriston Academy zip fleece/waterproof jacket (optional)
- Sacriston Academy bag or a practical unbranded school bag (optional)

4. Shoes

- Plain black shoes / trainers (generic, no coloured/white soles)
- All shoes should have a low heel.
- Laces should be plain black.
- Wellies and boots can be worn to travel to school in wetter weather, but children need to change into their school shoes on arrival.

5. PE Kit

All PE kits must be free from any logo or brand name, apart from the school logo. No football shirts allowed. For PE lessons and After-School clubs all children need:

- Plain white t-shirt with Sacriston logo (required, only available from the uniform supplier)
- Black shorts or black track-suit bottoms (required, generic)
- Training shoes (required, generic)
- Football boots (for football matches only)
- Sacriston Academy gym bag/small drawstring bag (optional)

You can purchase new uniform online at <https://emblematic.co.uk/schools/saca/>

We hold termly 'Uniform Swap Shops' where you can donate any outgrown uniform of your child's and take any pieces of uniform in a different size. Please contact the school office for further information.

6. Jewellery, headwear and accessories

- A watch (not a smart watch) can be worn but must be removed for PE lessons.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Hairbands and bobbles should be plain black or purple.
- Hair dye and coloured streaks are not permitted.

- No shaven hair designs.
- No nail varnish or nail extensions.
- Make up is not allowed
- Religious head coverings are permitted and can be purchased from Emblematic.

7. Body Piercings

- Plain stud earrings can be worn. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons – this is the responsibility of parents/carers to remove these before school. If earrings are not removed before school, the pupil will not be able to participate in PE for health and safety reasons.
- Other body piercings should be completely removed before school. This is the responsibility of parents/carers.

8. Role of the Local Academy Council

The Local Academy Council will determine, monitor, and review the Uniform Policy and provide support and guidance to the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented and adhered to.

9. Role of the Headteacher

- To ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy.
- To enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school.
- Speak with parents/carers of pupils who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.
- Follow DfE guidelines where a pupil fails to comply with the Uniform Policy.

10. Role of Staff

- To set a good example in terms of dress.
- To remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to pupils who do not wear correct uniform and if this persists the matter will be referred to the Headteacher.

11. Role of the Parents/Carers

- To ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy and come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non- uniform days.
- To ensure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly.

10. Breaches of the uniform policy

Breaches of the uniform policy Pupils are expected to wear school uniform unless there is a justified reason, they are unable to. Parents/carers must inform the school in writing, clearly stating the reasons, should their child be unable to wear any aspect of the uniform.

The Headteacher will decide what action to take should a pupil's appearance be judged not to comply with the Uniform Policy. If a pupil arrives at school dressed inappropriately, they will be asked to wear a spare school uniform for the rest of day or remove anything which does not comply with the Uniform Policy.