



Arrow Vale School Uniform Policy

At Arrow Vale we are firm believers in a school uniform that is properly and consistently worn. We believe that this helps young people to develop a real pride in themselves and their school and to look smart helps them to think smart too.

We expect that all students wear the uniform both in school and when representing the school at events or on visits. When the students are travelling to and from school in the community, we expect that the same high uniform expectations are met with the students wearing the uniform with pride and role modelling our beliefs. In this respect we expect no less from our students than an employer would expect of their employees.

We expect all our parents and carers, along with the students to support our mindset that appropriate school uniform allows for a positive learning environment and ensures the image within the wider community is respected and reflects the ethos of the school and what we are trying to achieve.

Failure to adhere to our School Uniform Policy will result in sanctions in line with the school's Behaviour Policy. The school holds a stock of uniform and shoes as well as PE; if students attend school dressed inappropriately or wear incorrect PE kit, they will be expected to borrow items and change.



COMPULSORY UNIFORM

- A black blazer with red piping and the Arrow Vale logo.
- Formal white collared shirt buttoned to the neck.
- Arrow Vale school tie (colour stripe to correspond with house colour).
- Formal black trousers – chinos, jeans or drainpipe fitted trousers are not permitted. No skinny fit trousers are permitted.



- Formal plain black shoes. Students are not permitted to wear black trainers or pumps or Velcro style shoes. Shoes with logos and branding are not permitted. Pupils are not permitted to wear boots however during bad weather they may walk to school in appropriate footwear and change into their shoes when at school. Shoes with buckles, studs and logos are not permitted. Maximum heel height of an inch is acceptable.



These Trousers are NOT Acceptable





These Trousers are ARE Acceptable



Compulsory PE Kit:

- Shorts/skorts with the school logo.
- Polo shirts/rugby long sleeved top embroidered with the school logo.
- Red and black Arrow Vale socks.
- Trainers for indoor use (no black soles) and trainers for outdoor use.
- Football/rugby boots – they will be required if the student wishes to represent the school in football/rugby fixtures.





OPTIONAL UNIFORM AND OPTIONAL PE KIT:

- Plain black 'V' necked jumper with the Arrow Vale Logo can be worn underneath the blazer in cold weather.
- Plain black 'V' neck cardigan with the Arrow Vale Logo can be worn underneath the blazer in cold weather.
- Tracksuit trousers with Arrow Vale Logo.
- Tracksuit top (option of 2 styles) with Arrow Vale Logo.
- Leggings with Arrow Vale Logo.
- Underlayer plain black long-sleeved top – to be worn UNDER the Arrow Vale Logo polo shirt.





Additional information:

The school hold a stock of uniform and shoes; if students attend school dressed inappropriately, they will be expected to borrow items and change. We reserve the right to either send a student home to change with parent/guardian permission or place them in Refocus until the uniform has been rectified.

At no time must students wear hoodies, baseball caps, or any other headwear during school time on the school site (except for religious purposes).

Bags/Equipment:

All students are required to carry a suitable bag to transport their learning toolkit, books, equipment and PE kit. We do not have lockers, so students are responsible for their possessions at all times during the school day.

All students must have the basics of: a black/blue pen, purple pen, pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler, calculator and their Learning Journal for everyday and each lesson.

Hairstyles:

Hairstyles should be in keeping with a formal place of work, i.e. no extreme hairstyles or colours, no patterns or undercuts shaved into the hair. Grade 0 - 0.5 are not permitted either. The shaving of lines into the eyebrow or hair line is not acceptable including 'cat scratches'.

Jewellery:

Jewellery should be kept to a minimum. Only one small stud type earring per ear, worn in the lower ear lobe is permitted. Ear wideners/expanders such as spikes are not permitted. No other facial piercings are permitted. One signet ring on a hand is allowed. No bangles or bracelets are to be worn. All jewellery must be removed for PE Lessons. Plasters cannot be used to cover piercings.

Makeup, Nails and False Eye Lashes:

Make up needs to remain discreet; if it is deemed to be excessive the student will be asked to remove it. Fake nails/tips and coloured nail polish are not permitted in school. No false eye lashes, you will be asked to remove them.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches:

Mobile phones and smart watches are not permitted in school and if they are seen they will be confiscated. We do understand that some students need to carry a phone on the way to and from school however, once in school they must be switched off and in their school bag.



Parents will be asked to collect the device and invited into school for a meeting if there are repeated incidents where the student's device is seen; the student may face a fixed term exclusion for persistent refusal to follow this school rule. The school prides itself on keeping students safe and our policy on phones and electronic devices is to ensure that the misuse of these items is prevented.

All items are brought onto school site at the student's risk.

The school is not liable for personal items lost or damaged at school; we strongly advise students not to bring valuable items into school.

SIXTH FORM 'OFFICE WEAR' BUSINESS DRESS

Our Sixth Form 'Office Wear' uniform policy gives you the opportunity to express yourself in a professional manner.

General

- Hair styles and colours must be natural, no shorter than a Grade 1 and 'office-appropriate' with no 'clipper art' or track lines.
- Make-up can be worn, however should be natural and discrete.
- Students can wear jewellery; however facial piercings should also be discrete.

Clothing:

- Basic tops or shirts/blouses - no football tops, strappy tops or crop tops (shoulders and midribs must not be seen)/no sheer or transparent fabric/low cut styles etc.
- Smart collared shirts or plain polo shirts – these must be tucked into smart trousers
- Smart blazer/knitted jumper/plain smart sweatshirt
- Skirts and dresses must be worn closer to the knee and preferably worn with tights
- Smart business-like shoes only - no sandals, trainers, pumps or high heels
- No jeans or denim of any kind – this includes jackets/shirts/trousers/skirts
- No shorts
- No bodycon fashion/stretchy material – this includes skirts, dresses and tops
- No leather look of any kind - this includes jackets/shirts/trousers/skirts
- Hoodies are not permitted in school or the Sixth Form Centre

Examples:

Trousers, a collared shirt (tucked in), tie, formal shoes, unbranded knitted jumper with or without sleeves, suit jackets are optional.

A business appropriate top/blouse, knee length skirt or dress, trousers, unbranded knitted jumper/cardigan, shoes, suit jackets are optional.

Please do not wear – leggings, jeans or jean type trousers, leather, denim, chinos, shorts, casual tops/t-shirts, hoodies, 'lumberjack' style shirts, short skirts, bodycon material skirts or dresses, Dr



Martens/boots, trainers, canvass shoes or pumps. Outdoor coats are to be stored in lockers or bags. Hoodies will be removed by staff and available to collect at the end of the week.

SPORTS STUDENTS – School PE kit is only to be worn during practical lessons.

THEATRE STUDENTS – Any change of clothes is for Theatre Studies lessons only.

HAIR – should be of a natural colour. Extreme styles and colours are not permitted.

Piercings: Facial piercings, a discreet nose piercing can be worn but must only be a small retaining stud in silver or gold. No hoops or nose rings. Earrings must be discreet, for example, studs with a maximum of two in the ear lobe.

Any student not in the correct uniform will be sent home to change. Any unsuitable facial piercings must be removed.

Mobile phones and headphones/airpods must be confined to the Sixth Form areas of the school and are permitted at the discretion of the Head of Sixth Form of each centre. Students in our centres are role models to our school communities and therefore must adhere to whole school policy

