



# Ark Atwood Uniform Policy

**The policy was last reviewed:** March 2022

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security.

**Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.**

**We have a required school uniform for several reasons:**

- Uniforms unite the school. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their Atwood uniform they will abide by the rules of the community.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. We are focused on achieving success. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is more talk about fashions and styles than learning.
- Uniforms make us all equal. Whether families have high incomes or low incomes, the pupils come to school looking the same way. No one has to feel bad about the clothes they have or don't have.
- Uniforms look professional. Pupils look neat and ready to learn.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

## **Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Ark Atwood Primary Academy is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

## **Uniform Details**

### **Autumn/Winter/Spring**

Fine knit v-neck jumper (green + gold stripe) with Atwood logo  
White shirt  
School Tie  
Grey skirt or grey trousers  
Grey tights or grey socks  
Blazer (Optional - Years 5 and 6 only)

### **Summer (after Easter break) - optional**

Green and white gingham dress\*  
White socks  
or  
Polo shirt (white + green stripe) with Atwood logo  
Grey skirt or grey shorts  
White or grey socks

## PE Kit

T-shirt (green) with Atwood logo or White polo shirt  
Shorts (red)  
Tracksuit (green) with Atwood logo  
For PE appropriate footwear is essential: trainers or plimsolls  
Atwood hoodie

On PE days, children wear their PE kit to school

## Uniform Supplier

Our uniform supplier is Urban Apparel

Urban Apparel, 373 Harrow Road, London, W9 3NA

The shop is a 10 minute walk away from school and is on the Harrow Road near to the post office.

## Outdoor Clothing

Children should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather. **Smart, showerproof, jacket-style coats, with embroidered Atwood logo, are available from Urban Apparel.**

## Bags and Belongings

A high-visibility bookbag with Atwood logo is recommended for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from school.

## Footwear

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, **all black** plain shoes with a flat sole. Footwear with flashing lights is not appropriate for school. Boots are not allowed.

### Acceptable



### Unacceptable





### Hats, Headscarves or Headwear

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the school building unless it is due to religious or cultural values. Any head covering for religious or cultural values or hair accessories that are worn such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in school colours (green, red, gold) or grey. A school hat with Atwood logo is available from Urban Apparel for both summer and winter outdoor wear.

### Hairstyles

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and professional at all times. Long hair on both girls and boys should be tied back neatly in school colours (green, red, gold).

### Fingernail Polish or Make-Up

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed.

### Jewellery/Accessories

Pupils may not wear any jewellery except for one watch only (no sound effects or games). Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings, and they must be worn in the lower ear lobe. All studs must be removed for PE or taped. *Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.*

### Body Piercing and Tattoos

Body piercing is prohibited, with the exception of single, standard ear piercing. No other forms of body piercing will be allowed for any pupil. Pupils are not allowed to have tattoos of any kind on their body.

### Naming Clothing and Property

**Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned.** The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

### Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in the lost property box located in the school office. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through this cupboard. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is disposed of at the end of term and given to a local children's charity.

### Second-hand Uniform

Any unwanted items of uniform may be given to the school office. We host regular second hand uniform sales where good quality items can be picked up for low cost.