



ASTON FIELDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

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Date of next review: September 2026



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At Aston Fields Middle School, we believe that our school uniform plays a key role in

- promoting the ethos of the school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting the appropriate tone for a place of education and study

It creates a common identity amongst our pupils, regardless of background and can act as a social leveller. For this reason, efforts are made to ensure that our school uniform does not place an unreasonable burden on families by ensuring parents/carers have a choice of suppliers, the details of which can be found on the school website and below. In addition, a supply of good quality second-hand uniform is available from the school for a small donation to the School Fund.

All pupils are expected to wear school uniform whilst on school premises, when travelling to and from school and on school educational visits, unless stated otherwise. High standards of dress and appearance are important and should be practical for a classroom setting.

Our uniform list is available on page 3.

All uniform must be clearly marked with the child's name.

Suppliers

The navy blue 'V' neck school pullover/cardigan with the embroidered crest and other items listed, may be purchased from S&H Schoolwear and Sports, 1 Church Street, Bromsgrove, Tel: 01527 874885, and School Days, 13-15 Church Street, Bromsgrove, Tel: 01527 757439. Some official Aston Fields Middle School uniform is also available to purchase from My Clothing Ltd on their website, www.myclothing.com

Second-Hand Uniform

Aston Fields Middle School maintains a small supply of good quality second hand uniform that is available from the school office for a small donation to the School Fund. A list of available items is on the school website.



From September 2026, the only branded item in our main everyday school uniform will be the school jumper or cardigan featuring the school logo. The school tie will also remain a compulsory item of uniform. For PE, the blue AFMS PE short-sleeved polo shirt is compulsory, and pupils can choose between wearing the navy-blue school logo hoodie, or the navy-blue school logo quarter-zip top. Pupils may wear these with plain navy-blue leggings or jogging bottoms.

BOYS UNIFORM

- Grey/black Trousers
- Navy blue ‘V’ neck pullover with embroidered crest
- White shirt
- School tie (clip on only)
- Polo shirt with embroidered badge (optional)
- Black shoes (NOT boots/trainers or trainer-style shoes)
- Grey/black socks
- If boys wish to wear a belt it must be a plain black one

GIRLS UNIFORM

Grey/black skirt (knee length, allowing room for movement).



Black or dark grey trousers.



An appropriate style of tailored trouser is worn. Leggings, Jeggings, or tightly fitting trousers or deliberately ‘short’ trousers are not allowed. If in any doubt, please contact the school.

- Navy blue ‘V’ neck pullover or cardigan with embroidered AFMS crest.
- Plain white shirt (tuck-in style) to wear with school tie (clip on only)
- White polo shirt with embroidered badge for summer term. (optional)
- Black shoes which are low heeled and well secured with laces or buckles (NOT boots/trainers or trainer-style shoes)
- White socks, opaque black tights or flesh-coloured tights.
- If girls wish to wear a belt it must be a plain black one.
- Hair bows must be small.

PE /GAMES KIT

- Navy AFMS PE polo shirt (compulsory)
- Navy AFMS ¼ zip **or** Navy AFMS Hoodie (compulsory)

One of/combination of the following:

- Navy plain sports leggings
- Navy plain trackpants
- If pupils wish to wear shorts or skorts, they must be the Navy AFMS ones (optional)

In addition:

- Trainers – one pair for indoor use
- Trainers – one pair for outdoor use

Shin pads (Football/Hockey) (optional)

Gum shields are highly recommended for contact sports

Football/studded boots (with safe studs)
desirable for years 5/6
essential for years 7/8

N.B. ALL pupils who attend after school football must have boots with safe studs and shin pads. In addition, pupils should wear appropriate underwear for their age and development. For girls, this may include an appropriate sports bra.

All uniform must be clearly marked with the child’s name.



Additional points relating to School Uniform

High standards of dress and appearance are important. School uniform or where appropriate, P.E. kit, is always worn by pupils when representing the school. It is important, too, that pupils are not put at risk by what they wear; boots, high heels, platform, open toed or sling back shoes can be dangerous and are not allowed.

Whilst in school and on their way to and from the school, pupils are expected to comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body. If inappropriate uniform is worn, parents/carers will be contacted and asked for their continued support with regards to school uniform. We may ask them to bring in more suitable uniform, or we may provide the pupil with uniform from our second-hand uniform supply to wear until replacements can be sought.

Jewellery

Rings, necklaces and bracelets are NOT allowed at Aston Fields Middle School. There are sound Health and Safety reasons for this decision, and the school cannot accept responsibility for items lost or damaged if this advice has been ignored. **No activity trackers** are to be worn or brought into school. **No expensive watches** are to be worn or brought into school. One pair of plain studded earrings only is permitted. These must be removed for P.E. For safety reasons, earrings must not be worn in any part of the ear other than the lobe. Under no circumstances will any other piercing be allowed in school. If parents/carers are having their children's ears pierced, could it please be done at the beginning of the holidays as it takes 6 weeks for them to heal. Any pupil wearing incorrect jewellery, will be asked to remove the item(s) and collect them from the school office at the end of the school day.

Hair

Long hair (for boys and girls) must be tied back for all practical activities. The use of bleach, bright colorants e.g. pink, yellow, green, purple, blue, red etc. and any extreme hairstyles for example, Mohicans, or closely shaved or patterned hair are not allowed at Aston Fields Middle School. If a pupil attends school with inappropriate hair as outlined above, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to return their child's hair to an appropriate style as soon as reasonably possible.

Make-up

Wearing make-up is not allowed at Aston Fields Middle School. Pupils will be asked to remove make-up, if they wear it. This includes nail varnish, false nails and eyelashes.

If pupils refuse to remove make-up, the parent/carer will be asked to come into school to help remove it.

Pupils who repeatedly ignore the rules regarding uniform, make-up and jewellery could face suspension or exclusion. This could seriously affect their education, and we ask for parents/carers support with this.

Money



There is no requirement for a child to bring money into school unless there is a specific need to do so. Money brought to school should be kept on the owner's person all day. A shoulder strap type purse is recommended (not belt bags). Children who regularly use a coach pass should have a special pass holder. The school will not be held responsible for the loss or theft of money although every effort will be made to find lost money and to find out any pupil who has been or is suspected of stealing. If a pupil is suspected of stealing, the Police will be contacted.

Personal Property

The Local Authority does not accept any responsibility for items belonging to individuals whether staff, pupils or visitors. They strongly recommend parents/carers check that their personal household insurance covers any items which may be brought from home. This is particularly important in the case of musical instruments and musical accessories where the school cannot accept any liability. The Governors' Charging Policy includes a stipulation that damage to or loss of school property may be a charge on the relevant party.

Mobile phones, personal music players (Air Pods), iPads, tablets, X-Boxes, PSP's, activity trackers, expensive watches, and any other valuable item or items of personal, sentimental value are NOT allowed at Aston Fields Middle School.

If a parent/carer feels in an emergency their child needs a mobile phone, it **must be handed in** every morning to their form teacher, labelled clearly with the child's name. It will be returned again at 3.30 pm. If a pupil does not follow this rule, such items may be confiscated and only returned upon collection from the school office by the pupil's parent/carer. Under no circumstances are pupils allowed to use their mobile phones during the school day unless permission has been given by the Senior Leadership Team.

The governors will NOT accept liability for pupil's phones, iPods, personal music players, or personal possessions such as bags, pencil cases, stationery equipment, uniform, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, trainers, PE equipment, jewellery including watches, rings, necklaces, or other such items (expensive or not), as mentioned above. If a pupil is suspected of stealing, the Police will be contacted and the school will do all it can to find missing property following advice from the Police which could include bag searches, but the school will not be held responsible for the loss or theft of pupil's personal possessions or items as listed.

Chewing Gum

Chewing gum is banned at this school. There will be an immediate detention given to any pupil who abuses this rule.

Non-compliance

Non-compliance with the school's uniform policy will be dealt with in line with the Governor's Behaviour for Learning Policy and Exclusions Policy. Any sanctions will be proportionate and fair. However, in the first instance, parents/carers will be contacted to bring their child's uniform into school or, if this is not possible, we will provide the pupil with a set of clean, spare uniform from our second-hand supply to wear for the day. This includes if pupils chose to wear the school PE kit instead of formal uniform.