



School Uniform Policy

A uniform creates a sense of belonging and shows pride in our school and our commitment to a shared vision, values and ethos. It helps to promote a positive and professional work ethic and encourages a focus on learning. It promotes equality of opportunity and protects our students from social pressures to dress in a particular way. It nurtures school cohesion and promotes positive behaviour.

School uniform is therefore compulsory in Years 7-11.

We do not accept facial jewellery or inappropriate hairstyles at any stage in the school. Although there is no uniform for Sixth Form students, we reserve the right to insist on appropriate dress.

Following extensive consultation with our students, parents and staff, the uniform at The King Alfred School is as follows:

Shirts/blouses – White with the school logo. Shirts should be tucked in and blouses not tucked in. Blouses must be buttoned up. Coloured T-shirts or those with a bold logo should not be worn under school shirts.

Trousers – Regular plain black in standard full length cut. Jeans, leggings, tight fitting or other similar trousers are not permitted. Please note some 'school-type' trousers on sale in mainstream shops may not conform to the school's policy. Please check our website or discuss with your child's Tutor if you are unsure.

Skirts – Skirts should be A-line or straight, plain black and of an appropriate length which ensures that they do not lie more than 5 centimetres above or below the knee. Split skirts are not permitted. Plain black tights are encouraged with a skirt.

Jumpers (optional) – Black V neck with the school logo.

Shoes – Shoes must be plain black, closed toe school shoes with no studs or metal. Trainers, boots, backless shoes, canvas or 'plimsoll' type shoes including Converse and Vans, are not permitted.

Coats – Coats must be sensible and appropriate for school. Hoodies and denim jackets/coats are not permitted.

PE Kit

Compulsory items that can only be bought from goldstaruniforms.co.uk
Unisex Polo top, Rugby top (boys only)
Compulsory items that can be bought from goldstaruniforms.co.uk or from other retailers
Black (plain) shorts, Red (scarlet) sports socks
Optional items that can be bought from other retailers
Navy/black tracksuit trousers
Optional item that can be purchased from School or Goldstar
Plain black hoodie – no logos or coloured piping. New style PE hoodie from Goldstar.

It is recommended that all items should be **clearly labelled with the student's name**.

Please note that just because a shop sells articles of clothing/trainers in its school section this does not make it our school uniform.

Personal appearance

Hair – Use of hair dyes to achieve unnatural colours is not permitted. Extreme hair colours and styles are not permitted – this includes shaved patterns, lines or steps. Excessive gelled hair styles are 'extremes of fashion' and are not acceptable in school. Hair should be tidy and of such a length that there is no risk of it getting caught.

Jewellery – this is limited to one plain stud in each ear lobe and/or one appropriate ring per hand. No other forms of piercing are acceptable this includes sleepers, ear tunnels, ear stretchers, ear barrels, facial jewellery, tongue studs and retainers.

Make up – if worn this should be discreet and neutral in colour.

If you have a question regarding uniform or your child is considering a change to their hairstyle or a piercing, please contact your child's Tutor/Head of Year for guidance.

Students who do not adhere to our uniform policy will be placed in our Remove Room (A23) until such time as they conform accordingly.



Attendance

Please notify us of any student absence on 01278 764088 or email nbergin@kingalfred.somerset.sch.uk on morning of absence.

If your child attends a medical appointment eg. Dentist, Orthodontist, Doctor, Hospital – we would ask for confirmation of the appointment where possible, eg, hospital letter, appointment card, Orthodontist slip. Unless a procedure is being carried out, we would normally only authorise half a day. Please ensure that appointments are, where possible, at the start/end of the day and that children return to school ASAP. If appointments are mid-morning we would ask that children attend as normal for early morning lessons that same day before leaving.

Punctuality

At KAS all students are expected to be in school in good time for registration at 8.40am. Being at school on time is recognised as a key factor in student progress. Additionally it:-

- gets your day off to a good start and puts you in a positive frame of mind;
- sets positive patterns for the future. You can't expect to keep a job if you always arrive late;
- leads to a good attendance record and means you don't miss any morning notices;
- helps you develop a sense of responsibility for yourself and towards others;
- is very important indeed. Research shows that attendance and punctuality are the single most important factors in school attendance.

Late Process

There will be a first bell rung at 8.40am for students to proceed quickly to tutor base. Second bell will ring at 8.45am when Tutor takes register.

If a student arrives late between 8.45am and 9.00am they will automatically incur a break detention that same day. If this detention is not attended they will incur a further lunchtime detention that same day.

If a student arrives late after 9.00am they will automatically incur a break and lunchtime detention. If these detentions are not attended they will be set an SLT detention after school for the Friday of that week.

As is the current system, 9 lates will incur a SLT detention and 12 lates will incur a day in A23 internal exclusion room.

Students will be allowed a 5 minute comfort break/refreshment at the start of break before they have to attend their detention. Detentions will be held in the Lecture Theatre with Head of Year.