

Uniform Protocol - appendix

Walton Academy

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1 Why do we have a uniform?

- It helps create a learning environment ensuring that learning time is not lost on dress issues.
- It significantly reduces arguments about what is to be worn at the academy and provides parents with a guide as to what is appropriate to wear.
- It encourages formality and smartness which will be required by future employers.
- It promotes team spirit within the academy and within the local community and clearly identifies pupils as being part of the academy.

Walton Academy reserves the right to determine when uniform standards are not being adhered to.

This relates to all clothing, makeup, jewellery and hairstyles. Pupils are expected to be appropriately dressed at all times and to wear their uniform with pride and in a manner that reflects the ethos and high standards of the academy. Smartness, Health and Safety considerations and common sense form the basis of the expected standards of appearance.

2 Uniform expectations

Here at Walton, we operate high standards and expect pupils to look smart and presentable at all times. Pupils must wear their uniform correctly at all times.

Pupils must wear blazers at all times both to and from the academy and during the academy day (including lunch and break times). Pupils participating in sporting or performing arts activities will need to wear the appropriate uniform.

3 Academy uniform

Please note that not all items sold by our uniform suppliers will meet the school uniform policy.

Please ensure you read and understand the uniform requirements of the Academy before purchasing items.

Compulsory main uniform items:

- Walton Blazer with the academy logo
- Walton green shirts/blouses
- Walton school tie (to be worn with buttoned up shirts)
- Walton skirt – skirts should be purchased long enough to allow for growth. These are a new design for September 2026 entry for year 7 pupils. The skirts are available in 2 lengths and designed to be worn at least 10cm below the knee
- Plain navy tailored trousers
- Plain navy tailored shorts (only available from Uniform direct and made to measure)

- Plain black hard wearing school shoes (not open toe or sling-back) – flat soled or low heeled footwear suitable for use around the academy site and which provides appropriate safe protection in science labs and workshops (no trainers, boots or plimsolls)
- Plain natural, black or navy tights or plain navy or black socks
- Hair accessories, if worn, should be navy, black, dark green or natural hair colour

Optional uniform item:

- Navy V neck sweater

Pupils who present in items that are deemed to be not part of the uniform code will be issued with an appropriate sanction. Pupils may spend time in isolation, out of circulation until the issue is resolved.

4 PE and performing arts kit

Compulsory items:

- Green and white Walton sports shirt
- Plain black skort / plain black shorts
- Plain black leggings/under layer (PA requirement)
- Long black socks
- Sports trainers
- Football boots
- Shin pads

Optional items:

- black tracksuit trousers
- Walton black fleece
- Gum shield (optional but recommended)
- Plain black leather ballet shoes or jazz shoes

5 Hairstyles

Hair must be of a natural colour and style – no tramlines or extreme cuts are allowed.

Long hair must be tied back.

If hair accessories are worn these should be navy, black, dark green or natural hair colour.

6 Nails and nail varnish

False nails, gel nails or similar and coloured nail varnish are not allowed.

Pupils who fail to observe these rules will be asked to remove the offending item immediately and will be issued with an appropriate sanction. Pupils may spend time in isolation, out of circulation until the issue is resolved.

7 Makeup

Subtle make-up is permitted, but excessive or highly visible make-up will be challenged.

False eyelashes must not be worn.

Pupils who fail to observe these rules will be asked to remove the offending item immediately and will be issued with an appropriate sanction. Pupils may spend time in isolation, out of circulation until the issue is resolved.

8 Jewellery

The following items are permitted:

- A wristwatch
- One pair of small, plain sleepers or plain studs (one earring only to be worn in each lower ear lobe)..

The following items are not permitted:

- Covering piercings with plaster or wearing a clear plastic retainer is not acceptable
- Facial (including tongue) piercings are not allowed
- No other jewellery apart from as per mentioned above
- Earrings with additional 'dangly' attachments are not allowed
- Smart watches are not allowed to be worn in school.

Pupils who fail to observe these rules will be asked to remove the offending item immediately and will be issued with an appropriate sanction. Pupils may spend time in isolation, out of circulation until the issue is resolved.

9 Sanctions

If pupils do not adhere to the Uniform Policy, where possible, items will be confiscated.

Students who fail to observe these rules will be asked to remove the offending item immediately. Students will receive an academy detention and may spend time out of circulation until the issue is resolved.

10 What to do if there is an issue with your child's uniform

As an academy, we will endeavour to support parents who have genuine difficulty sourcing appropriate uniform for their child.

Our pre-loved uniform shop is available to parents whereby items can be purchased at a reduced price. All profits gained from the pre-loved shop are reimbursed into the academy funds to purchase further items that support our pupils.

Parents are expected to contact the academy in a timely fashion explaining the reason why their child is not meeting uniform expectations. If pupils arrive without notification from parents, then a member of our pastoral team will make contact as soon as possible and the pupil may receive an academy detention.

An agreed time frame for the issue to be rectified must be agreed and met. If this is not met, then the parent will be contacted again and a meeting arranged to resolve the issue. Form tutors, or other appropriate member of staff, will write a note in the pupils planner to alert staff that this issue is being resolved, therefore further sanction need not apply.

If necessary and where possible, Walton will supply pupils with items that are to be returned at the end of the day. This could include appropriate footwear, a tie etc.

Pupils will be issued with sanction if the Head of Year feel it is necessary. There may be a loss of unstructured time or even isolation depending on how serious and persistent the uniform breach is.

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