



Uniform and Equipment Policy 2024.25

We are proud of our young people and encourage them to be proud of their school and their community. One key aspect of this is that all of our students will wear a smart uniform. This promotes safety, a sense of community and demonstrates that students are ready to work.

Students must be impeccably dressed in the **correct school uniform** at all times. The uniform requirements are quite clear and any students not adhering to these requirements will be asked to borrow the required item of uniform, and parents informed to rectify for the next day. Students who need to borrow an item of uniform will also receive a 30-minute same-day detention after school. Should the student refuse the borrowed item they will be placed in internal exclusion.

For medical reasons whereby students may not be able to have or wear the correct uniform, medical evidence from a doctor will be required.

If there is a persistent issue with uniform parents/carers will be invited in for a meeting to discuss any support required.

We provide support for all students in receipt of Free School Meals to cover up to £50 of the cost towards uniform. Full uniform and equipment bursaries are also available. Please contact your child's Head of Year for further information.

Our official uniform suppliers are listed below:

Gray's, Northgate, Blackburn Tel: 514257
Derek Whittaker & Co, 3 Waterloo Pavilions, Church Street, Blackburn BB1 5AL Tel: 676047
Snazzy's, 22- 24 Bridge Street, Darwen Tel: 07980353104

Second hand uniform and donations of uniform are accepted at Rummage Rescuers:

<https://www.rummagerescuers.org.uk/>

It is vital that all property, including items of clothing, is plainly marked with the students' name.

Equipment:

Students should bring the following items with them on their first day at school and maintain throughout the academic year. **Items marked with an (*) are compulsory every day.**

*Pencil case
*2x black writing pens
*1 pencil, sharpened
*1 green writing pen
*Ruler (15cm or 30cm)
*A bag
1 Maths set (including compass and protractor)
1 calculator



DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy



Uniform essential items:	
Items marked with an * must be purchased through the uniform suppliers noted above.	
*Official Darwen Vale embroidered badge black blazer.	
*Official Darwen Vale House tie	
Replacement ties can only be purchased through school via Parent Pay.	
*Official Darwen Vale embroidered lettering black V-Neck pull over.	
*Official Darwen Vale black stitch down embroidered badge pleat skirt. Waistband must be flat at all times.	
Black conventional style trousers, not cords or denim, and not bootleg or skinny fit. Students can choose to wear trousers or a skirt.	
Plain light blue shirt, long sleeve or short sleeve. Students must ensure that their shirt is always tucked in, with the top button done up.	
Black socks, no patterns or bows and knee length if wearing a skirt (Dates will be provided by the principal)	
Black tights if wearing a skirt, no patterns	
Black leather or simulated leather shoes, no branding and no trainers.	
Black or navy outer coat, no leather or denim jackets or hooded sweatshirts. Students must not wear coats inside the building.	

PE kit essential items:	
PE kit is only to be worn during PE lessons.	
*Official Darwen Vale t-shirt – black (compulsory)	
*Official Darwen Vale ¼ zip top (optional)	
Black shorts or black jogging bottoms not leggings or cycling shorts (compulsory)	
Black socks	
Trainers – indoor use.	
Football boots, no metal studs – outdoor use (3G and field).	

Appearance:	
Permitted	Not permitted
Jewellery	
One wrist watch.	Facial, mouth and navel piercings including those that are transparent.
Small metal stud in each air lobe.	Hoop earrings/earrings that are not studs including those that are transparent.
	Necklaces.
Hair	
All hair styles must be neat and tidy and professional.	Colours away from the natural hair colour.
Students with long hair are encouraged to tie their hair back and will be required to do so for Health and Safety purposes in subjects such as PE and Food Technology.	



Religious garments	
If for a religious reason, a student requires a head covering such as a hijab or a turban, then this must be plain black.	

Prohibited items/appearance:
Mobile Phones and Smart Watches Mobile phones are not to be seen or heard within the Academy and as soon as our students step foot through the main gate. If a mobile is seen or heard they will be confiscated, placed in the pastoral office and students will be asked to collect at the end of the day after sitting their 30-minute same-day detention for being on their mobile phone. If this happens more than 3 times in one half term, parents/carers will be asked to collect the mobile phone. If you need to contact your child throughout the day you may do so via school reception or your child's Head of Year. Smart watches capable of communication through connectivity with phones are not permitted.
Make up, eyelash extensions and nail varnish/false nails Make up, eyelash extensions, nail polish, and false nails are not permitted. Any visible make-up or nail varnish that is worn will be required to be removed immediately.
Cigarettes Any students found to be smoking or in possession of cigarettes will be sanctioned in line with the Academy's behaviour policy.
E-cigarettes Any students found to be smoking or in possession of e-cigarettes will be sanctioned in line with the Academy's behaviour policy.
Aerosols Due to health and safety aerosols are not permitted at the Academy. Students are permitted to bring roll on deodorant if required.
Tippex
Chewing gum Any students chewing gum, will be sanctioned in line with the Academy's behaviour policy.
Permanent markers
Energy drinks

Students with inappropriate uniform and appearance will be sanctioned in line with the Behaviour, Culture and Attitudes Policy. Judgement about acceptability can only be made by Darwen Vale High School staff.