Uniform Policy

It is our policy that all students wear school uniform when attending Stockport Academy, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. Our policy regarding school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the students with the school;
- is fair and makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance, removing peer pressure to wear 'designer' clothes;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents/carers;
- is designed with health and safety in mind;
- can assist identification of strangers on school premises; and
- is applied consistently throughout the school year, unless otherwise directed by the principal.

Stockport Academy Uniform

Uniform Requirements for all students are

- Bottle green, single-breasted blazer displaying the Stockport Academy badge;
- White shirt, long or short sleeved, with pointed collar (shirts must always be tucked in);
- School tie which displays the Stockport Academy badge;
- V-neck bottle green jumper;
- Stockport Academy Skirt can be worn with the Academy badge visible (no alterations to the skirt length are permitted, should be knee length and skirts are not to be worn rolled up);
- Tailored black trousers (Leggings, jeans and jeggings are not to be worn and trousers should not be made of denim or corduroy fabrics, nor be excessively flared, tight or baggy);
- Plain black belt can be worn with school trousers (diamante or jewelled belts are not permitted);
- Black socks or black tights with a minimum thickness of 40 denier must be worn (fluffy or frilly socks are not allowed);
- Plain black shoes (trainers and boots are not acceptable - our website has images of appropriate footwear if required); and
- Students who choose to wear a skirt must wear plain black tights with a minimum thickness of 40 denier.

Academy badges must be visible on blazers, ties and Academy skirts.

Uniform must be practical and formal. Fashion items are not permitted, particularly shoes, trousers and skirts.

Where worn, hijabs must be plain colours and in one of the following colours: black, white, or dark green. Hijabs must not contain patterns, logos, or glitter.

All pupils must have a school bag which is big enough for A4 books.

PE/Dance kit

Compulsory items of kit for PE and Dance lessons are:

- Black or Green polo shirt with Stockport Academy badge;
- Black shorts or jogging bottoms (leggings or cycling shorts are not permitted);
- Black knee length sports socks; and
- Sports Trainers (fashion shoes/Pumps/Vans/Converse or similar are not permitted).

A hair bobble must be worn by students with long hair.

Optional items in PE lessons are:

- Branded black logo PE sweatshirt;
- Plain black rain jacket/coat (no fur hoods);
- Plain black hat; or
- Plain black gloves.

Safety equipment for rugby, football and hockey:

- Shin pads are compulsory for football and hockey;
- A mouth guard is recommended for hockey and rugby; and
- Plastic or rubber studded football boots are recommended for football.

If students are ill or injured they are still expected to bring their full PE kit unless agreed with the class teacher.

If pupils do not bring their PE kit, spare kit will be provided by school to ensure there is no loss of learning.

Bag

All students are required to bring a school bag to carry their equipment. We recommend using a backpack for comfort and practicality.

Non-compliance with the School Uniform Policy

The enforcement of the decision to adopt a school uniform is the responsibility of the Principal of the Academy as part of their overall responsibility for the day-to-day running of the school and for the maintenance of discipline.

The Academy expects all students to comply with the uniform policy. Where concerns arise, we will work with students and parents/carers to resolve them promptly whilst taking account of individual circumstances, including any safeguarding, medical, SEND, equality or financial considerations.

In the event of any student arriving at school without the correct uniform:

- School has a limited supply of spare items to lend to students, if available these items will be lent to the student for the day;
- Where students refuse to wear a school skirt appropriately the Academy reserves the right to request that they wear school trousers;
- We seek to work with parents or carers to rectify the issue as soon as possible; and
- Contact will be made that day with parents/carers to ensure that the student wears the correct uniform the following school day.

Persistent refusal to comply with the uniform policy, following support and reasonable opportunities to rectify concerns, may result in sanctions in accordance with the Academy's Behaviour Policy.

Jewellery

For health and safety, we do not allow students to wear jewellery of any sort in the Academy.

Students are not permitted to wear earrings/piercings or any other form of jewellery and must be aware that they will be expected to remove any bars, rings or studs prior to arriving in school. Students will be asked to remove prohibited jewellery. Where appropriate, items may be securely stored by staff and returned in accordance with Academy procedures.

If students refuse to remove jewellery this will be treated as an act of defiance and an appropriate sanction will be issued.

The Academy is not liable for any jewellery that is brought onto site. Jewellery must not be brought onto site.

Watches may be worn but smart watches are not allowed.

Accessories

Only Academy issued badges may be worn as part of the school uniform.

We request that school bags and belts are sensible and in keeping with the rest of the school uniform.

Hooded jackets and zip ups must be removed before entering the Academy, failure to do so will result in their confiscation.

Footwear

We want students to grow into healthy adults.

We believe that it is dangerous for students to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels. For reasons of health and safety we do not allow them to be worn in our school. Nor, do we allow students to wear trainers or boots to school. Whilst appropriate for sport and leisurewear, this footwear is not in keeping with the smart appearance of the Academy uniform. We require all students to wear shoes as stated in the uniform images on our website and below.

Hair

We recognise that there will always be a variety of hairstyles worn by students. Whilst remaining tolerant of most styles, we will treat as a breach of discipline:

- haircuts that are excessively short (below a grade one);
- haircuts where patterns, stripes or letters have been cut into the student's hair; or
- hair that is dyed in bright or unnatural colours.

We may ask students with long hair to tie their hair back in certain situations for health and safety reasons.

The Academy recognises that hair texture, style and protective hairstyles may be connected to a pupil's race, ethnicity, culture or religion. Any requests for reasonable adjustments or exceptions will be considered on an individual basis

Make Up

Make up is not permitted in the Academy.

Acrylic nails are not allowed, neither is the wearing of nail varnish.

Nails should be kept to a sensible length that will not affect participation in PE or practical subjects.

Eyelash enhancements both glue on and individuals are not allowed.

The wearing of fake tan is not permitted.

Aerosols and Sprays

Please be advised pupils are not permitted to bring aerosol sprays into the academy. If pupils wish to apply deodorant throughout the day, please provide them with roll on's.

Uniform Outside School

Every student must wear school uniform, including a tie, for journeys to and from school, in school and for all official school functions. This includes home and away sports fixtures and all school trips unless a teacher gives specific instructions to the contrary.

Trainers may be worn for casual games during lunch time only. Students must wear correct shoes for all lessons and their journeys to and from school.

The Role of Parents/Carers

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that they have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. It is their responsibility to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

Badged Uniform Items and Uniform Vouchers

The Academy supports the purchase of compulsory badged items for new students joining the academy in Year 7, including blazers, ties and PE polo shirts, by providing them with uniform vouchers that can be exchanged at Davensport Ltd. This is only available to new starters in Year 7 who begin the school year with us at the start of the academic year.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a fully stocked uniform cupboard with preloved uniform. Parents and carers who need support with providing uniform for pupils may ask to access for this at the main reception. Parents and carers are able to donate any uniform, that is still in good condition which will be supplied to other families should they require it.

Affordability

The Academy is committed to ensuring that the cost of school uniform is reasonable and does not become a barrier to attendance. In developing and reviewing this policy, the Academy has regard to statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms. Parents/carers experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to contact the Academy for support, including access to pre-loved uniform.

Equality and Reasonable Adjustments

The Academy will comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010. Requests for adaptations or exceptions to the uniform policy related to disability, medical needs, religion, belief, gender reassignment or other protected characteristics will be considered on an individual basis.

Non-Uniform Days

Occasionally we hold non-uniform days. On such days, clothing must be suitable for a learning environment e.g. cropped tops or excessively ripped jeans should not be worn and clothing should not display inappropriate logos.

Uniform Suppliers

Our branded uniform can be purchased brand new from the following suppliers:
Davensport Limited
98 Bramhall Lane
Davenport
Stockport
SK2 6JG
0161 483 3005
info@davensport.com

FR Monkhouse
217 Chestergate
Stockport
Cheshire
SK3 0AN
0161 476 7210
www.monkhouse.com

Agreed by Stockport Academy LGB October 2026

Review: Annually

Signed by Chair of LGB

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David Robinson (Chair)

Signed by Principal

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Janine McCann (Principal)