



Uniform Statement for AP Schools (Blueprint, CSEC and The Wycombe Grange)

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1. Purpose

This uniform statement has been written to provide clarity on our expectations for uniform at Aspire (Blueprint, CSEC and The Wycombe Grange only), and on how we ensure that these expectations do not create difficult situations for our families.

Aspire is committed to equality and ensuring that uniform does not discriminate in anyway.

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, Aspire (Blueprint, CSEC and The Wycombe Grange) will:

- Avoid uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Provide uniform items free of charge
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that makes them the most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Andrew Burton (Exec Head) who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests.

2. Uniform expectations

At Aspire (Blueprint, CSEC and The Wycombe Grange), our uniform is a jumper/t-shirt with the Aspire logo. This is the only branded item that we require students to have, and they can choose to only have one of these items if they wish.

Students can wear other layers underneath the uniform if they want. This is so that students with sensory issues are not impeded from wearing the uniform.

All students, irrespective of Pupil Premium status, will be given 2 items of each (Jumper and T-shirt) During induction meetings, site admin ensure that students are given the correct size of uniform.

3. If students arrive at school not wearing uniform

If students are not wearing the uniform, they will be given items to change into for the duration of the day. Home will be contacted to discuss how we can support the family to ensure that they have the right clothing for school.

4. Support to access uniform

Aspire does not want our uniform expectations to be a barrier for any child attending Blueprint, CSEC or The Wycombe Grange, or to cause financial hardship for our families. That is why we are providing free uniform for our students.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is free to all Blueprint, CSEC and The Wycombe Grange students.

We will also:

- Carefully consider whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Avoid specific requirements for items such as shoes, trousers or coats
- Keep the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoid different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoid different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Avoid different uniform requirements for PE
- Consult with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy.