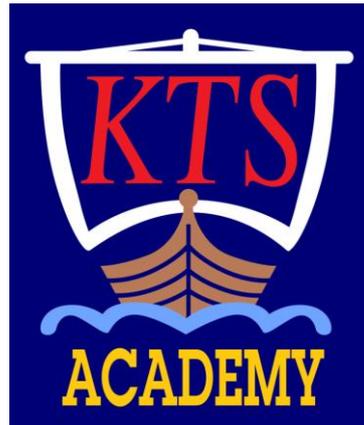


# School Uniform Policy

## KTS Academy



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## **1. Introduction and Rationale**

Due to the special educational needs and disabilities of pupils at KTS Academy, we recognise that pupils with SEND may find their uniform difficult due to physical and sensory needs. We have built inclusion into our policy by allowing flexibility in what pupils' wear.

At KTS Academy, we understand that many of our pupils have sensory sensitivities and may find certain clothing uncomfortable. Children with sensory processing difficulties may find some fabrics itchy, heavy or tight, which can lead to sensory overload and impact their ability to learn and engage in school. Pupils with physical disabilities may be better suited to wearing comfortable clothing e.g. with elastic or adjustable waist bands or Velcro/popper fastenings. As we encourage supporting pupils with developing their independence they may wish to choose clothing which supports this.

**Therefore, school uniform is optional at KTS Academy.**

## **2. Uniform Options**

### **2.1 Non-Uniform Option**

All pupils are welcome to attend school in comfortable clothing of their choice. We ask that clothing is:

- Appropriate for a school environment
- Safe and practical for school activities
- Suitable for the weather conditions

### **2.2 School Uniform Option**

For parents/carers who would prefer their child to wear school uniform, we offer the following options:

#### **Generic uniform items (available from any retailer):**

- Polo shirts in school colours
- Sweatshirts in school colours

#### **Branded uniform items with KTS logo (optional):**

- Polo shirts
- Sweatshirts
- Jackets

## **3. How to Purchase Uniform**

### **3.1 Generic Items**

Parents/carers can purchase polo shirts and sweatshirts in school colours from any shops or supermarkets.

### **3.2 Branded Items**

If parents/carers wish to purchase uniform with the KTS logo, they can:

#### **Order through school:**

- Complete a uniform order form (available from the school office)
- Contact the school office directly

- Return completed forms to the main office on Marshall Drive
- Payment is required when placing the order

#### **Order directly from our supplier:**

Quickstitch  
19 West Terrace  
Redcar  
Cleveland  
TS10 1DP

Email: [sales@quickstitch.co.uk](mailto:sales@quickstitch.co.uk)

Telephone: 01642 487 720

#### **4. Commitment to Affordability**

As a school, we have a duty to comply with the DfE's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms. This means, when developing and updating our uniform policy, we must take steps to make sure that the cost of the uniform is affordable.

Parents and carers are not restricted to purchasing branded items from one source. Other local businesses will embroider the school logo on uniform items purchased from other retailers.

##### **4.1 Our Commitments**

We will make sure our school uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Items with distinctive characteristics are optional
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats and bags
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different classes/age groups
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy

##### **4.2 Branded Item Limits**

From September 2026, schools were told to limit the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to 3 or fewer. 'Compulsory' means any item a pupil is required to have or wear for general school use, to travel to or from school, or to take part in any lesson, club or activity facilitated by the school. **However, as uniform is optional at KTS Academy, we have no compulsory branded items.** All branded items are optional choices for families who wish to purchase them.

## **5. Second-Hand Uniform**

We make second-hand uniforms available to support families with costs.

Parents/carers can access second-hand uniform by:

- Contacting the class teacher on Dojo of the school office
- We encourage families to donate outgrown uniform items in good condition to support other families in our school community.

## **6. Equality and Inclusion**

### **6.1 Meeting Individual Needs**

We recognise that high quality teaching that is differentiated and personalised is the starting point to ensure accessibility. We are mindful that some pupils are more vulnerable to exploitation, bullying and other issues due to the nature of their SEND. Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education

Our flexible approach to uniform ensures that:

- Pupils with sensory sensitivities can wear comfortable clothing
- Pupils with physical disabilities can wear clothing that meets their needs
- Pupils with medical conditions can wear appropriate clothing
- All pupils can dress in a way that respects their religious or cultural beliefs
- All pupils can choose clothing regardless of gender stereotypes

### **6.2 Protected Characteristics**

We comply with the Equality Act 2010 and do not discriminate against pupils because of their age, sex, race, disability, religion or belief, gender reassignment, pregnancy or maternity, or sexual orientation. Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education

We:

- Allow pupils to dress according to their religious or cultural beliefs
- Do not set gender-specific uniform requirements
- Ensure our policy doesn't discriminate against any protected characteristic
- Make reasonable adjustments to alleviate disadvantage

## **7. PE Kit and Specialist Clothing**

PE Kit and swimming kit are required for specific sessions. There is no requirement for any branded items.

## **8. Footwear**

All pupils should wear appropriate, safe footwear for school. We ask that footwear is:

- Safe for moving around school
- Appropriate for outdoor play and activities
- Suitable for PE and physical activities (or that alternative footwear is brought for these activities)

## **9. Roles and Responsibilities**

### **9.1 The Governing Board**

The governing board is responsible for:

- Approving this uniform policy
- Reviewing the policy regularly to ensure it remains inclusive and affordable
- Ensuring the school complies with statutory guidance on uniform costs

## **9.2 The Headteacher**

The headteacher is responsible for:

- Implementing this policy consistently
- Ensuring all staff understand and apply the policy fairly
- Monitoring the policy's effectiveness
- Communicating with parents/carers about uniform matters

## **9.3 Staff**

All staff are responsible for:

- Applying this policy consistently and fairly
- Supporting pupils to feel comfortable and included regardless of what they wear
- Addressing any issues sensitively and in line with this policy

## **9.4 Parents/Carers**

Parents/carers are responsible for:

- Ensuring their child attends school in appropriate clothing (whether uniform or non-uniform)
- Considering their child's individual needs and preferences when choosing clothing
- Contacting the school if they have concerns or need support

## **9.5 Pupils**

Pupils are encouraged to:

- Wear clothing that is comfortable and helps them learn
- Respect the clothing choices of other pupils
- Talk to staff if they have concerns about what to wear

## **10. Monitoring and Review**

We will consult with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to this uniform policy and carefully consider any complaints about it.

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years or sooner if:

- There are changes to statutory guidance
- Feedback from the school community suggests changes are needed
- The governing board identifies areas for improvement

## **12. Complaints**

Any complaints or concerns about this policy should be addressed to the headteacher in the first instance, following the school's complaints procedure.