



The Astley Cooper School

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Dear Parent/ Carer

Headteacher: Edward Gaynor

I write with reference to our school uniform and the considerable difficulties we have all faced over the Autumn term caused by the pandemic. In school, we have tried to be as flexible as we can and have relaxed many rules, most notably around PE uniforms, footwear and hoodies. However, as we move forward into the New Year, we do need to return to some sense of normality and uniform is an important part of this. We need to ensure our students look smart, are dressed appropriately for their age and for school and are ready for learning.

With this in mind, may I remind all parents / carers of the following rules in relation to uniform and appearance, which will be enforced from the beginning of the Spring term:

- Hair must be of a natural colour and not cut into an unusual style (eg "tramlines" are not permitted)
- If worn, makeup must be minimal and discreet
- Nails must be short and natural (no extensions or coloured varnish)
- Jewellery must be limited to one pair of small earrings, one ring, one small chain/ necklace, one watch
- Facial piercings are not permitted
- Shoes must be black. Trainers are permitted provided they are entirely black without any coloured motifs / writing
- The school blazer and tie are compulsory (available to order from the school)
- Students may wear a school jumper if they wish (available to order from the school)
- Year 11 students may wear a plain, black jumper if they wish
- Shirts must be able to be buttoned at the neck
- Only black or grey tailored trousers are permitted. Jeans, tight 'skinny trousers' or leggings are not allowed
- The wearing of external wear eg hats, gloves, hoodies, coats, is not allowed within school buildings
- Skirts must be black, less than 10cm above the knee and loose around the legs (non-clinging)
- On days where a student has PE, they should come to school in their PE kit except if they have swimming, where they should be in full school uniform. Plain sports leggings are acceptable in PE/Dance lessons but they must not be worn around school or in other lessons

We have arranged with our uniform supplier for all elements of our uniform to be available from them, including blazers, jumpers, ties and skirts. If you are, therefore, concerned about purchasing the correct items please do not hesitate to contact the school for an order form or look on Parent Pay.

We expect all students to be in correct uniform when we return from the Christmas break.

Thank you in anticipation for your support in this matter but if you have any queries please contact your child's Head of Year at school.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr B Daddow
(Senior Assistant Headteacher)

