

Uniform and Equipment Local Arrangements

Date of last review	01/09/2026	Date of next review	01/09/2027
Review period	Annually	Owner	Principal

Rationale and Principles

At Ipswich Academy, our uniform, appearance, and equipment standards are designed to foster a focused, safe, and inclusive learning environment.

Uniform

Promotes equity, conformity, and identity. Wearing our uniform helps develop a strong sense of community, supports positive behaviour and discipline, and ensures students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

Jewellery and Appearance

Guidelines are established strictly on the grounds of safety, security, and equity.

Equipment

Setting clear expectations for daily equipment ensures students are fully prepared and organised for learning every day.

IA Academy Uniform

All students are required to wear the standard academy uniform correctly throughout the school day:

- Ipswich Academy (IA) V-neck jumper*
- Plain white collared shirt (buttoned to the neck)
- Ipswich Academy (IA) tie*
- Plain black trousers
- Plain black or plain white socks
- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers

Physical Education (PE) Kit

Students must bring their full PE kit on designated practical days:

- Ipswich Academy (IA) PE top*
- Plain black shorts
- Sports socks (a different pair from the ones they wear to school)
- Trainers suitable for physical activity
- Plain black joggers and plain black jumpers are permitted during colder months

We recommend that items of clothing are labelled so that they are identifiable if misplaced.

*All items of branded uniform need to be purchased from our uniform supplier;

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Jewellery, Hair, and Appearance

To ensure student safety and maintain a high standard of personal presentation, the following rules apply:

- The only permitted items of jewellery are small stud earrings, a small nose stud, and a wristwatch. **No other jewellery is allowed.** Students wearing jewellery that is not permitted will be asked to remove it, and non-compliant items may be confiscated.
- Fake and acrylic nails are not encouraged but all nails must be kept short and an appropriate length. The Academy will have the final say on this.
- Discreet, natural-looking make-up is permitted.
- We encourage that any hair dye is to be of a natural hair colour.

Required Daily Equipment

Being organised is essential for academic success. Every student must bring the following items to school every day **in a suitable bag** (A sturdy backpack or school bag large enough to comfortably carry an A4 folder, planner, phone pouch, and equipment without damaging them):

- 1 Blue or Black pen
- 1 Green pen
- 1 Pencil
- 1 Rubber
- 1 Ruler
- A glue stick
- Pencil case
- School planner (issued by the school)
- Mobile phone pouch (issued by the school)

We also strongly recommend that students bring a refillable bottle of water into school. The school planner is an essential piece of equipment as it can be used for writing important notes/reminders, recording homework and is also used by the teacher to excuse a student momentarily from a lesson.

Financial Support, Misplaced Items, Special Considerations and Loan Uniform

We understand that items can occasionally be misplaced and that children grow quickly.

- Any temporary issue with uniform must be time-limited. Parents or carers must inform the academy immediately if there is a short-term issue with an item.
- We believe financial circumstances should never be a barrier to a student being properly dressed or equipped. Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the academy directly so we can offer support.
- Ipswich Academy respects cultural, religious, and medical needs. Requests for modifications to the uniform policy (such as religious headwear, specific adjustments for disability, or sensory needs) should be submitted in writing to the Principal for consideration.
- During periods of extreme heat the Academy may relax some of the uniform requirements. This will be communicated in writing to all parents/carers.
- The academy maintains a stock of uniform. If a student arrives out of uniform without prior contact from a parent/carer or a justifiable reason, they will be expected to wear loan items provided by the school for the day.

Please note that the Academy retains the final say on all matters concerning uniform, appearance, and equipment. Any failure to adhere to the requirements outlined in this document will result in disciplinary action in accordance with our behaviour policy and local arrangements.