

Alder Community High School Uniform and Equipment Policy 2025-26

Our uniform is an essential part of our identity. It instils a sense of pride and belonging in our school and signals a readiness to be part of our learning community. It is school policy that uniform is worn at all times during the school day and for all out of hours school events. Uniform should be worn correctly to and from school as the impression our students give in the community is of extreme importance.

Item	Details
Blazer	Black blazer with school badge. Not allowed: Sleeves to be rolled up.
Trousers*	Smart, plain black tailored school trousers that sit below the ankle bone. Not allowed: Stretchy, shiny materials, hipster style, leggings, ankle grazers, flares and skinny leg trousers and other types of similar fashion trousers.
Skirt*	Smart, plain black tailored school skirt. This should sit just above the knee. Shoes must be worn with a skirt (not boots). Opaque black tights must be worn with a skirt. Not allowed: Skirts to be rolled up. Skirts made of jersey, Lycra or shiny material. Skirts with splits. Tube skirts.
Shirt	Plain white, long or short sleeved school shirt. They must have a high collar button which allows the tie to be worn. This must be tucked in.
Tie	Green clip-on or traditional tie with a school logo in the appropriate house colour.
Jumper	Alder logo black V neck long sleeved jumper or Alder logo tank top/sleeveless jumper to be worn underneath the blazer. Not allowed: Hoodies or sweatshirts of any kind at all on school premises. Outdoor coats must be removed once in the school building.
Shoes*	Plain black formal school shoes. Not allowed: contrasting coloured stitching (other than white or yellow)/laces/stripes/logos/flashes/glitter etc. Platform soles or heels. Trainers and pumps are not allowed under any circumstances. Shoes that resemble pumps or trainers are not allowed. Despite shops advertising these 'crossover' shoes as school shoes, they are not permitted.
Socks/tights	Plain black/white socks which cover the ankle when wearing trousers. Black opaque tights must be worn when wearing a skirt. Not allowed: Trainer socks, bed socks, sports socks or knee lengths socks. Coloured socks. Socks with frills/patterns/logos/bows. Summer uniform will allow socks with skirts – usually after May half term but this will be decided based on weather.
PE kit**	Black breathable sports top with school logo Black shorts with school logo. Black hooded PE top with school logo. Black PE track pants with school logo (optional but recommended). Running trainers (not pumps or fashion trainers). Black or white sports socks. Black waterproof jacket (optional). Not allowed: branded sports clothes or fashion trainers e.g. Converse
Outdoor wear**	Coats, hats, scarves and gloves etc. must be removed upon entry to the school building.
Equipment**	A black pen, a red pen, a pencil, an eraser and a ruler in a pencil case. A reading book. Laminated school timetable A scientific calculator (model number: Casio fx-83GT X or fx83GT-CW) A clear re-fillable water bottle. A strong, waterproof school bag suitable for carrying schoolbooks and equipment.
Jewellery*	Jewellery MUST NOT be worn in school. This includes earrings and all other piercings. Regular wrist watches are allowed but these must not be a smart watch/apple watch etc. If seen or heard, the item will be confiscated and must be collected by parents/carers. School reception is open from 7.30am – 4.00pm for parents/carers to collect confiscated items.
Make up*	Year 7, 8 & 9 – no make-up allowed.

	Year 10 and 11 – a discreet layer of foundation can be worn. Not allowed: Fake tan and false eye lashes.
Nails*	Natural nails should be of an appropriate length. Not allowed: Nail varnish/gel/art/diamantes and false nails.
Hair style* and head wear	Longer hair should be tied back for practical lessons, with a plain hairband. Thin headbands, small plain hairclips and bobbles should be plain black. Girls may wear a plain black headscarf (no tassels, lace or fringe of any type and small enough to be tucked into the shirt so the tie can be clearly seen). If hair is 'undercut' on any student, the hair must be worn down. Not allowed: Ornate hair decorations, hair slides with diamantes/pearls, large bows etc. Extreme hair styles, shaved patterns/tramlines/lines, 'skinhead', 'mohican, 'top knot' etc. Shaved lines in eyebrows.
Hair colour*	Hair should be a natural, all-over colour. Any changes in hair colour should be subtle and natural. Not allowed: 'dipping, double tone, front strips' un-natural colour such as dyed red/black.
Tattoos	Real or fake tattoos are not allowed.
Mobile phones, smart watches, other digital technology and earphones	These items must not be brought into school. If seen or heard, the item will be confiscated and must be collected by parents/carers. School reception is open from 7.30am – 4.00pm for parents/carers to collect confiscated items.

Items of uniform should be hard wearing. Please stick to our guidelines and beware of 'back to school' sections in some retailers trying to sell inappropriate clothing to parents.

Please ensure that all items of uniform and PE kit have your child's name inside.

In extreme hot weather, parts of the uniform requirements may be relaxed. This may include the blazer and tights with a skirt. This will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.

*Parents/carers are advised to consult with the child's Head of Year if they are considering allowing their child to have a change in appearance or item of dress which may conflict with the school policy. If you are in any doubt about the suitability of items of uniform/footwear please contact school before purchasing.

**Lockers are available at a cost of £6.50 (non-refundable), payable via ParentPay

Correctives

The Headteacher will be the arbiter in all matters relating to uniform and appearance. Any student arriving at school not in uniform; in unsuitable uniform; wearing inappropriate jewellery or with an unsuitable hair style or hair colour, may spend time in internal isolation (Compass) and in all cases will have a 30-minute detention at the end of the school day.

The pastoral team will hold a stock of spare, clean items of uniform and shoes. Any student wearing incorrect uniform or footwear will be expected to change into these for the day. Refusal to do so is a breach of the behaviour policy and will be sanctioned accordingly.

Students who do not have the correct equipment for their lessons will have a 30-minute detention at the end of the school day.

Suppliers

Kidstop, 49 Market Street, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 2AB, 0161 368 4500

J.F.C. Sports Ltd, Unit 8A Redfern Industrial estate, Meadow Street, Hyde, SK14 1RD, 0161 367 7700