



Tuesday 20th April 2021

Dear parents,

I am writing to you as promised regarding the proposed changes to uniform. First of all I would like to thank you for all your feedback. I received a number of emails, but also am aware that my heads of schools and I also received many more informal comments at drop off and pick up.

A large number of parents are in support of the active uniform and can see what we as schools are trying to achieve but there is a powerful voice from those parents who wish the children to retain a traditional uniform. I have therefore discussed this issue again with leaders and governors and have decided upon a compromise.

From September 2021, the Aspire schools will have an active uniform which CAN be worn all day every day. However for those parents who wish their child/ren to wear a traditional uniform this can be worn on the days that they are not involved in a PE lesson or active PE after school club. Active uniforms will still need to be worn on PE days by all children.

Uniforms can not be mixed and matched so if you would like your child/ren to wear the traditional uniform then you will also need to purchase an active uniform.

We ask you wherever possible to purchase the items from the supplier as not only are these logoed but also of the appropriate quality. If this is not possible we ask you to at least purchase the hoodie/ sweatshirt that then can be worn with plain white t-shirts and black bottoms. Leggings if worn as part of the active uniform should be plain black sports/ gym leggings.

The change of colour is staying as set out in my previous letter, so that each aspire school has its own identity within aspire. Kingswood will from September wear bottle green, Leeds and Broomfield - burgundy, Platts Heath - purple and Ulcombe - royal blue.

We have also taken on board the suggestions regarding a zip up version of the hoodie and this will be an option, as well as the over the head version as part of the active uniform. Please see the table below for the options.

Active uniform only - this can be worn all day every day and is our choice for suitable and comfortable wear

<u>School</u>	<u>Kingswood</u>	<u>Leeds and Broomfield</u>	<u>Platts Heath</u>	<u>Ulcombe</u>
<u>Jumper</u>	Green hoodie or zipped hoodie with logo	Burgundy Red hoodie or zipped hoodie with logo	Purple hoodie or zipped hoodie with logo	Royal Blue hoodie or zipped hoodie with logo
<u>T shirt</u>	White t shirt with logo	White t shirt with logo	White t shirt with logo	White t shirt with logo
<u>Bottoms</u>	Jogging bottoms with logo Sports leggings with logo shorts/ skort - with logo ALL IN BLACK	Jogging bottoms with logo Sports leggings with logo shorts/ skort - with logo ALL IN BLACK	Jogging bottoms with logo Sports leggings with logo shorts/ skort - with logo ALL IN BLACK	Jogging bottoms with logo Sports leggings with logo shorts/ skort - with logo ALL IN BLACK
<u>Shoes</u>	Black trainers	Black trainers	Black trainers	Black trainers

Active uniform and Traditional uniform

The active uniform as detailed above will need to be worn on days when your child has PE or an after school activity that is PE based.

Traditional uniform - can be worn by those children who wish to on non-PE days

<u>School</u>	<u>Kingswood</u>	<u>Leeds and Broomfield</u>	<u>Platts Heath</u>	<u>Ulcombe</u>
<u>Jumper</u>	Green sweatshirt or cardigan with logo	Burgundy red sweatshirt or cardigan with logo	Purple sweatshirt or cardigan with logo	Royal Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
<u>T shirt</u>	White polo shirt with or without logo	White polo shirt with or without logo	White polo shirt with or without logo	White polo shirt with or without logo
<u>Bottoms</u>	BLACK trousers,	BLACK trousers,	BLACK trousers,	BLACK trousers,

	pinafore or skirt Shorts or checked dresses (in school colour) can be worn in the summer	pinafore or skirt Shorts or checked dresses (in school colour) can be worn in the summer	pinafore or skirt Shorts or checked dresses (in school colour) can be worn in the summer	pinafore or skirt Shorts or checked dresses (in school colour) can be worn in the summer
<u>Shoes</u>	Black school shoes	Black school shoes	Black school shoes	Black school shoes

The supplier for all logoed items will be Brigade -

http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select_school&for=parents

I currently have samples of all items and am awaiting samples with logos. Once they have arrived I will take some photos and attach to one of my Friday letters. Each school will also have a complete uniform so that parents can see how it looks. Items are not available to order yet. I shall inform you when they are.

The uniform will change from September 2021, however as stated before it will not become policy until September 2022, giving everyone a whole year to purchase the required items.

If you have any feedback please feel free to contact me at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk.

Thank you

Kind regards,

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