

ALEC REED ACADEMY



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Dear Parent / Carer of Secondary Phase Pupils

I do apologise for not welcoming you all back sooner but we had some issues with our communications system. However I would still like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to a new calendar year and how, as we approach half term, we continue to reinforce high expectations of all our students. I hope that you, your family and friends were able to have quality time together. I will write to you again later this term but, there are a few housekeeping matters that I would ask for your support in as we wish to start the year in a positive way.

Firstly, as the weather turns colder and with more opportunities for rain, it is essential that students are provided with a warm coat which fits over their uniform. Please ensure your child has one that is plain, black, with no images / logos.

In addition, we have had a minority of girls who are wearing socks over tights. Please be aware that the uniform policy of the academy clearly states plain dark grey socks. Should students wish to wear tights, these should be plain and black. However, students are not permitted to wear socks and tights; they must choose one or the other.

Hair colour – this should remain the natural hair colour of the student.

Piercings – students are permitted to have one small pair of piercings in their ears and only one plain pair of flat stud earring is acceptable. Other piercings are not permitted. Students who do not adhere to this rule will be asked to take their piercings out and face a sanction. Cases of persistent refusal to adhere to the policy may be faced with more serious sanctions.

For secondary the following is required:

Item of uniform	Information
ARA Navy Blazer with school badge	This is the only blazer that is to be worn by pupils and is purchased from the ARA uniform shop
ARA Navy V-neck jumper with school badge	This is the only jumper that is to be worn by pupils when in school and is purchased from the ARA uniform shop
White school shirt with collar to take a tie	These can be purchased from many different retail outlets
ARA clip-on tie	To be purchased from ARA uniform shop
Plain charcoal Grey Tailored School Trousers / Pleated Skirt	This is the only colour of trousers/pleated skirt that is to be worn in the high school and can be purchased from many different retail outlets
Plain dark grey school socks	These can be purchased from many different retail outlets
Head scarves / Turbans / hats	Any head scarf or turban worn for religious / cultural reasons must be plain black, navy or white. Any hat must be plain black also.

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Hair scrunchies / bands / slides / clips	If these are required to keep hair tidy these should be plain black.
Year group lanyard bearing student ID card in holder	Students will be provided with their first card holder and lanyard by ARA. If lost or damaged a replacement will have to be purchased by the student at a cost of £0.50 per card and £1.50 per lanyard.

You are of course welcome to come and view and buy uniform at the uniform shop in the Secondary phase of the academy on Wednesdays. Please note that the uniform shop is closed for lunch from 12 – 1.15pm. However, the shop opens from 9am and closes at 3.15pm. You may also purchase any of the above badged items online by visiting www.alecreedacademy.co.uk/uniform-shop

Items brought into the academy

I would like to reiterate that we want our young people to eat healthily and develop healthy lifestyles. There is much educational research linked to the importance of a healthy diet in supporting students in the maximisation of their learning time and their ability to concentrate for longer periods of time.

Breakfast is offered every day in the academy with free toast before 8am. There are a selection of snacks at break time and a range of hot food including paninis as well as sandwiches should students wish to purchase food. However, we are seeing an increasing amount of students arriving to the academy with various large packets of crisps, sweets, chocolates and fizzy drinks or indeed consuming those that they have brought in throughout the day. These are not healthy and are not supporting students in their learning. Please note that from Monday 24th February, if a student is found with these items on them, they will be confiscated.

We will of course be reinforcing these messages with the young people in the academy too.

Finally, a reminder that we are a cashless academy and you are asked to use Parent Pay to pay for your child’s trips and lunches. If you are new to Parent Pay and need assistance, please contact the Finance Team. We will be running a number of outings and trips during the course of the year so if you haven’t signed up to Parent Pay, please do so as soon as possible, to ensure your child doesn’t miss out

My thanks for your support and cooperation in advance.

Warm regards

Allison Moise-Dixon
Principal & CEO