



Dear Parents/Carers,

To support you in preparing for the start of the new academic year, I am writing to share our Uniform Expectations for 2026–2027. While there are only a small number of changes, I feel it is important that all families are fully aware of our expectations before purchasing uniform for September.

At Iceni Academy, we believe that a smart and consistent uniform promotes pride, belonging, high standards and a positive learning environment. Our uniform plays an important role in helping students present themselves professionally and contributes to the strong culture that we are proud of across the academy.

The key updates for September are:

- **Additional support for families** through links to recommended retailers and examples of suitable uniform items, helping to give greater confidence when purchasing trousers and shoes.
- **New guidance and links for students with sensory needs**, including information about specialist suppliers and adaptive uniform options that meet both comfort requirements and academy expectations.
- **Further clarification regarding trousers.** As communicated at the beginning of the year, from September we will enforce our expectations that trousers must be formal, straight-fit school trousers. Tight-fitting, stretch-fit, flared, heavily tapered or jean-style trousers are not permitted. Trousers must not have external pockets, additional zips or decorative features.
- **Additional clarity regarding skirts following parental feedback.** The uniform guidance now clearly states acceptable skirt length to ensure consistency and remove any uncertainty when purchasing items. Skirts must be the approved academy style and be no more than 5cm above the knee.
- **Equipment list** has also been included, we want students to be organised and ready to learn each and every lesson and ask them to bring in basic equipment for this.
- **A visual uniform guide** has been included to provide a quick and easy reference for students and families.

Over recent years, the overwhelming majority of students have consistently met our expectations, and we are grateful for the support that parents and carers have provided. This partnership has enabled us to maintain exceptionally high standards of presentation across the academy.

I would ask that you take time to read the attached document carefully before the start of term. Doing so will help ensure that any uniform purchased over the summer meets academy expectations and will avoid unnecessary expense, inconvenience or potential sanctions in September. The document also contains further guidance on shoes, PE kit, appearance expectations and support available where financial hardship or specific needs may present challenges.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together, we can continue to ensure that our students take pride in their appearance and represent Iceni Academy positively within both the school and wider community.

Yours faithfully

Mr Morris
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