

Uniform and Equipment Policy

At Trinity, our school uniform and PE kit help foster a sense of community, equality and pride. This policy ensures that our uniform requirements are practical, inclusive, and affordable.

In general:

- All uniform and PE kit items should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps lost property to be returned promptly.
- The school works to ensure its uniform is affordable and widely available. Where possible, items can be purchased from multiple retailers; only a small number of branded items are required.

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1. Uniform Policy and Expectations

Our dress is smart and business-like to show respect and care for ourselves and our community. When dressed in their uniform, students are representing Trinity Academy and they should look smart and well-presented at all times. All students must wear the correct school uniform to and from school and during the school day. This will also be a requirement for school trips, unless stated otherwise.

The decision of the Headteacher is final and students may not be allowed to participate in the school day if they are not wearing the correct uniform. If this occurs students may be lent uniform or asked to return home to change (following parental contact).

Daywear

Compulsory

- **Grey blazer** with embroidered school badge to be worn at all times (available from AlleyCatz only). *Students are expected to wear their blazers at all times around the school unless permission to remove it is granted by a member of staff. Blazer sleeves should not be rolled up.*
- **Knee-length tartan skirt** (available from AlleyCatz only). *This is to be worn on or below the knee, not rolled up.*
- **Modest Dress**
For Muslim students who wish to adhere to modesty, a full length black skirt can be worn. The skirt must be full length to at least the ankles, plain black, with no slits.
- **Tailored black trousers** (an option for all students). *Straight, skinny leg trousers, capri-style, 'ankle grazers', cropped, flares. leggings or jeggings are not acceptable.*
- **School tie** (available from AlleyCatz only), *to be tied up to collar and normal length with seven stripes showing.*
- **Plain white shirt** with buttons to the neck and standard collar. *Must be tucked in at all times. Top button done up at all times.*
- **Black or grey plain tights**, no stockings or hold ups are permitted. Tights with holes and/or ladders are unacceptable.
- **Black or grey socks only.** No sports socks, trainer socks or over the knee socks.

Optional

- Black v-neck pullover with purple stripe (available from AlleyCatz only)

Daywear - Compulsory



Trousers must be plain black, tailored, straight leg trousers (a good guide is that they should have a button/ clasp/ zip at the waist band). This means that flares, leggings or stretchy/ jersey fabric trousers are not to be worn as part of the smart uniform.

See images below for examples of **incorrect school uniform**:

The following are **NOT** considered school trousers at Trinity because they are flares/ stretchy/ jersey fabric/ sports leggings





Shoes

Please check with the school if there are any queries regarding the suitability of footwear. We will insist on student's wearing appropriate footwear. Students will not be allowed to participate in the school day in inappropriate footwear and will either be provided with alternative footwear or asked to return home in order to change.

- **All students should wear black low-heeled polishable or patent shoes •**

Ballet pumps, boots or trainers are not acceptable

- Shoes should be flat and heel height should not exceed 4cm
- Markings and logos are not permitted
- Soles, laces and stitchings on shoes should be black only



The shoes below are examples of shoes that are not acceptable as school shoes at Trinity. **Please do not purchase shoes like this** intending for your child to wear them to school, you

will be asked to replace them:

These are NOT acceptable school shoes (including Nike AirForce 1s)



Sportswear

Compulsory

- **Top outer layer must be a Trinity branded item** (either school blazer over Sports kit, Trinity T shirt or Trinity Sport zip up top). **Students will not be allowed to wear their Trinity v neck jumper for PE as it does not have a logo)**

Trinity Branded PE Items (only available from AlleyCatz)	Non-branded PE items (Available from in high street shops/ supermarkets)
• Black and purple round neck short-sleeved sports top with school badge • Trinity branded black and purple short, skort, leggings or sports trousers • Black and purple socks	• Plain black T shirt, no logos. • Plain black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms • Plain black/ white socks



Footwear for PE

For activities based on our specialist artificial pitches, students will need boots with firm ground moulded studs.

Trainers for PE (no fully black-soled trainers allowed as they will mark the sports hall - please see guidance below) must be sports trainers, not fashion trainers such as Nike Air force, Jordans Vans or converse. Trainers will be advertised as 'non marking' and if in doubt, please ask in-store BEFORE purchasing.

3G PITCH FOOTWEAR GUIDELINES

PERMITTED FOOTWEAR	FORBIDDEN FOOTWEAR	
  Artificial Ground (AG) RECOMMENDED	  Soft Ground (SG) TEAR THE SURFACE	  Blades CAN CAUSE INJURY
  Firm Ground (FG) RECOMMENDED	  Soft Ground Pro (SGP) TEAR THE SURFACE	  Flat Soled Trainers (Indoor) NO GRIP & FLATTEN SURFACE
  Hard Ground (HG) RECOMMENDED	  Astro Tuff Trainers LIMITED GRIP & FLATTEN SURFACE	  General Footwear NO GRIP & FLATTEN / DAMAGE SURFACE



Other

- We ask students to **remove coats** when in the building, including at break and lunchtimes when inside.
- Trinity branded outer layer must be worn at all times over plain black PE kit items
- Hoodies are not allowed at anytime
- **Headscarves**, headbands or wraps must be plain grey or black and, if necessary, securely fastened with a plain pin.
- Vests or t-shirts worn under shirts for warmth must not be visible.
- No scarves, hats or gloves to be worn in school.
- Hair styles and colour must be natural. We follow the Halo Code (details can be found [here](#)).
- Students can wear a single, small plain stud earring in each earlobe. No hoops or dangly earrings.
- A single small nose stud is permitted, but no other visible piercings will be permitted.
- No bracelets, rings or necklaces to be visible.
- Make-up must be discreet and no false nails/extensions are permitted. Nail varnish must not be worn at school.

All parts of the school uniform and sports kit must be clearly marked with the student's full name. School sports kits must be worn for all games lessons, after school sports sessions, matches and for dance.

Supporting Students to Wear the Correct Uniform

If your child is not in full Trinity Uniform, we will support them to correct their uniform in a number of different ways:

1. Visit the Uniform Swap Shop (8:00-8:30am) and swap one of their belongings for a borrowed item of Trinity uniform, including shoes
2. Ask for uniform items to be dropped off by parents/ carers
3. Following a phone call with parents/carers, students may return home to collect the missing uniform items from home

If students continue to refuse to wear the correct uniform, and all of the above supportive options have been put in place, students may be removed from lessons until their uniform is correct.

2. Uniform Supplier



Our uniform supplier AlleyCatz offer an online service via our bespoke school uniform website:

www.alleycatz.co.uk/schools/trinity-academy-bristol

Free School Delivery (FSD)

Alleycatz will offer a free school delivery and collection service once a week on a Friday during term time- please order by the end of the previous week. There is an option to select FSD at checkout- which will require you to provide the student's name and tutor group. This is very important to help the school to direct your order quickly once it has been delivered. If your child has not yet started, please select New starter in Year X

Courier Service

If you wish to have an order sent to your home or work, AlleyCatz offer a chargeable courier service via DPD with a one-hour time slot.

Contact Details

AlleyCatz Limited

T: Online orders (warehouse): 01932 221883

E: info@alleycatz.co.uk

W: www.alleycatz.co.uk

A: AlleyCatz Ltd, Warehouse 11-13 Old Esher Road, Hersham, Surrey, KT12 4NH

Warehouse/Online opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5pm, Closed Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays

Another key reason that we are passionate about our partnership with Alleycatz is that, from January 2022, any new Trinity Academy blazer that is made will be coming from a manufacturer called David Luke Schoolwear. In 2010 David Luke Schoolwear was the first business within the industry to introduce recycled polyester to its product portfolio when they created the Eco-blazer. This means that 100% of the polyester that is used to manufacture the blazer comes from recycled plastic bottles instead of crude oil. The process Depolymerisation is a process which allows you to take a plastic bottle back to its original state of crude oil. Polymerisation follows the same process in reverse, allowing it to be a component of an Eco-fabric. The average number of non-biodegradable plastic drinking bottles used in making each blazer is 18, which would otherwise end up in landfill. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

3. Cost of School uniform

Trinity has given careful consideration to the Department for Education's statutory guidance regarding the cost of school uniform. We are also committed to working hard to ensure our uniform is reasonable and secures best value for money.

Our Uniform policy is developed to ensure:

- The uniform creates a shared identify for all pupils and does not distinguish between pupils.
- The uniform reflects and reinforces the school's high behaviour expectations.
- The uniform is safe and suitable for all types of lessons.

Ensuring Trinity uniform is affordable.

We have undertaken the following steps to ensure the cost of our uniform is kept as low as possible:

- In 2021, we selected a new supplier who offers extremely good value for money which includes a highly personalised service and high quality, long lasting uniform. We will re-tender within 5 years or earlier (in the event service levels drop) to ensure we continue to receive the best value for money
- Branded items have been kept to a minimum. Items such as trousers, shirts, sports leggings/track pants and trousers, socks/tights may be purchased from any supplier.
- The number of different items of uniform have been kept to a minimum: there

are no house colour requirements, no requirements for additional uniform for co-curricular activities and one sports kit for all sports.

- A free delivery service to school is available.
- The school continues to work with our supplier to ensure the cost of uniform remains as low as possible.

Pre-loved uniform

We would also welcome your donations of Trinity branded uniform items and will give you a £5 Love to Shop voucher for every two branded items donated (eg Blazer and tie = £5).

Financial support with the cost of uniform

We offer £50 reimbursement towards the cost of uniform to all families entitled to free school meals for their first purchase of uniform upon enrollment at Trinity. We also consider further support where families are still unable to afford the uniform or are not in receipt of free school meals but cannot afford the uniform. Financial support can be sought by email to: enquiries@trinityacademybristol.org or by talking to your child's tutor.