

Anglo Portuguese School of London

School Uniform Policy

Policy agreed by Trustees	6/10/2026 (effective from 1/9/2026)
Policy to be reviewed	July 2027

Date	Change
21/8/2026	New legislation – Primary schools maximum 3 branded items

1. Purpose

The Anglo-Portuguese School of London (APSoL) believes that a school uniform can promote a sense of belonging, pride and equality and can support a purposeful learning environment.

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear, practical and affordable school uniform for all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

APSoL is committed to ensuring that the cost of school uniform does not create a barrier to attendance, participation or application to the school.

This policy has been developed with regard to the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms and the legal limit on compulsory branded items of school uniform and PE kit applying from 1 September 2026.

2. Legal and regulatory framework

APSoL is a primary academy and is therefore subject to the statutory requirements concerning compulsory branded school uniform and PE kit.

From 1 September 2026, APSoL will require no more than **three different compulsory branded items** of school uniform and PE kit.

For the purposes of this policy, the three compulsory branded items are:

1. APSoL school blazer
2. APSoL school tie
3. APSoL school backpack

No other item of compulsory school uniform or PE kit will be branded or carry the APSoL logo.

The school will review its uniform arrangements regularly to ensure continued compliance with legislation and Department for Education guidance.

3. Uniform principles

APSoL's uniform should be:

- affordable and accessible;
- practical and suitable for everyday school life;
- durable and good value for money;
- appropriate for learning, play and physical activity;
- inclusive and respectful of pupils' individual circumstances;
- available through a range of retailers wherever reasonably possible; and
- consistent with the school's identity and values.

The school will avoid requiring a branded item where a generic item would adequately meet the school's requirements.

The school will also seek to minimise the overall number and cost of compulsory uniform items.

4. Compulsory school uniform

Branded compulsory items

The following three items are compulsory branded items:

Item	Status
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APSoL school blazer	compulsory — branded item 1
APSoL school tie	compulsory — branded item 2
APSoL school backpack	compulsory — branded item 3

These are the only three compulsory branded items that pupils are required to have.

Generic compulsory items

The following items are compulsory but must be available as generic, non-branded items:

Item	Requirement
Grey school jumper or cardigan	plain grey
White shirt	plain white
Grey trousers/skirt	Plain grey
Grey socks/tights	plain grey
Black school shoes	plain black
White PE T-shirt/ Polo	plain white
Plain black PE shorts	plain black

Parents and carers may purchase these generic items from a retailer of their choice, including supermarkets and high-street retailers, provided that the items meet the school's stated colour and style requirements.

5. PE kit

PE is an important part of the curriculum and all pupils are expected to participate in PE unless there is an appropriate reason preventing participation.

The compulsory PE kit is:

- plain white T-shirt,
- plain black shorts; and
- suitable plain trainers or plimsolls.

No compulsory PE item will carry the APSoL logo.

The school may specify reasonable requirements concerning colour, style, safety, fit and suitability for physical activity without requiring those items to be branded.

Parents and carers should label PE kit clearly with the child's name.

6. Footwear

Pupils must wear plain black school shoes suitable for everyday school activities.

Footwear should be practical, safe and suitable for walking, outdoor play and normal school activities.

The school will not require parents or carers to purchase a particular branded make of shoe.

Where a pupil needs alternative footwear for medical, disability, sensory or other legitimate reasons, the school will consider reasonable adjustments.

7. Generic uniform and choice of retailer

Generic items identified in this policy may be purchased from any suitable retailer.

Parents and carers are not required to purchase generic uniform items from the school or from a particular uniform supplier.

The school may provide examples, photographs or specifications to help families identify suitable generic items, but such examples will not constitute a requirement to purchase a particular brand.

The school will not require a generic item to have distinctive features that effectively make it available only from a particular supplier.

8. Optional branded items

APSoL may make additional branded items available where there is a genuine practical or community benefit.

However, such items will be **optional** and pupils will not be required to purchase or wear them where a suitable generic alternative is available.

Optional branded items will not be used to circumvent the statutory limit on compulsory branded items.

The school will keep optional branded items to a minimum.

9. School bags

The APSoL school backpack is one of the school's three compulsory branded items.

Parents and carers will not be required to purchase an additional branded PE bag.

Pupils may use the APSoL school backpack for transporting their school and personal items.

The school will communicate clearly if a separate bag is needed for a particular activity and, wherever possible, will permit a suitable generic alternative.

10. Second-hand uniform

APSoL recognises that second-hand uniform can significantly reduce the cost of school uniform for families.

The school will make information about second-hand uniform available to current and prospective parents and carers.

Where practical, the school will facilitate access to a second-hand uniform scheme, exchange or uniform bank.

Second-hand uniform that is clean, safe and in good condition will be acceptable.

The school will not require families to purchase new uniform where suitable second-hand uniform is available.

11. Financial assistance

APSoL recognises that some families may experience difficulty meeting the cost of uniform.

The school will provide information about available financial assistance and uniform support.

Where appropriate, families experiencing financial difficulty should contact the school office confidentially to discuss available support.

APSoL may provide uniform grants or other assistance in accordance with its published eligibility criteria.

No pupil should be disadvantaged in their education because their family is experiencing financial difficulty.

12. Equality, inclusion and reasonable adjustments

APSoL's uniform policy applies equally to all pupils.

The school will comply with the Equality Act 2010 and will consider individual circumstances when implementing this policy.

Reasonable adjustments will be considered where required because of:

- disability;
- medical needs;
- sensory needs;
- religious or belief requirements;
- gender-related considerations;
- cultural requirements; or
- other individual circumstances.

Parents and carers should contact the school if a pupil requires an adjustment to the uniform.

The school will work with families to find a practical solution that maintains the principles of the uniform while meeting the pupil's individual needs.

13. Hair and personal appearance

Pupils are expected to maintain a neat and practical appearance appropriate for school.

Hair accessories should be discreet and, where appropriate, in keeping with the school's colours.

Requirements concerning hair, hairstyles and appearance will be applied in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and relevant Department for Education guidance.

The school will not discriminate against pupils because of protected characteristics, including race, religion or belief, disability or sex.

14. Jewellery and accessories

For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not normally be worn during school activities.

Where religious or cultural items are worn, the school will consider individual circumstances and reasonable adjustments.

Pupils must not wear accessories that create a health or safety risk during PE, play or other school activities.

15. Labelling

All uniform and PE kit should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name.

The school cannot accept responsibility for items that are lost or misplaced.

16. Non-compliance with uniform requirements

The school expects pupils to attend in the agreed school uniform.

Where a pupil arrives without the required uniform, staff will seek to establish the reason and support the family where appropriate.

Where financial hardship, lost clothing, exceptional circumstances or another legitimate reason has resulted in a pupil not wearing the correct uniform, the school will respond supportively.

The school's behaviour policy will determine any response to persistent or deliberate non-compliance.

No pupil will be penalised where the reason for non-compliance is financial hardship and the family has sought support.

17. Uniform suppliers

APSoL will seek to ensure that its uniform supply arrangements provide good value for money.

The school will give appropriate priority to:

- affordability;
- quality;
- durability;
- availability;
- sustainability; and
- value for money.

The school will avoid single-supplier arrangements for generic items.

Where branded items are supplied through the school, the school will regularly review pricing and supply arrangements to ensure that they remain appropriate and provide value for money.

18. Communication with parents and carers

The school's current uniform requirements will be published clearly on the APSoL website and made available to prospective as well as existing families.

The school will clearly identify:

- compulsory branded items;
- compulsory generic items;
- optional items;
- where each item can be purchased; and
- sources of second-hand uniform and financial assistance.

Parents and carers will be consulted where significant changes to the uniform policy are proposed.

19. Review of this policy

The governing board will review this policy regularly and whenever there is a relevant change in legislation or Department for Education guidance.

As part of each review, the school will consider:

- the number of compulsory branded items;
- the cost of the uniform;
- the cost of individual items;
- availability of generic alternatives;
- supplier arrangements;
- availability of second-hand uniform;
- feedback from parents, carers and pupils;
- equality and inclusion considerations; and
- whether any compulsory branded item can reasonably be removed.

The school will ensure that the policy remains compliant with the statutory limit of three compulsory branded items for primary pupils.

20. Summary of compulsory uniform

Compulsory branded items — maximum three

- 1. APSol school blazer**
- 2. APSol school tie**
- 3. APSol school backpack**

Compulsory generic items

- Grey school jumper or cardigan
- White shirt
- Grey trousers/skirt
- Grey socks/tights
- Black school shoes
- White PE T-shirt
- Plain black PE shorts
- Plain trainers or plimsolls

Parents and carers may purchase the generic items from a retailer of their choice.

APSol does not require any additional branded uniform or PE-kit items.

STANDARD UNIFORM FOR RECEPTION AND YEARS 1-6			
Uniform Items	Photos	Required	Where to purchase – available at

School blazer (branded)		Required from Reception to Years 6	From school office or through My Child At School (MCAS) Branded
Grey jumper or cardigan (generic)		Required from Reception to Years 6	Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice
School tie (branded)		Required from Reception to Years 6	From school office or through My Child At School (MCAS) Branded
Grey trousers, shorts or Skirts (generic)		Required from Reception to Years 6	Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice
White buttoned shirt - long sleeved or short sleeved (generic)		Required from Reception to Years 6	Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice
Grey socks or tights(generic)		Required from Reception to Years 6	Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice

Black shoes (generic) More information about suitable footwear can be found below.		Required from Reception to Years 6	Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice
School bag (branded)		Required from Reception to Years 6	From school office or through My Child At School (MCAS) Logo item
White PE T-Shirt or polo (generic)		Required from Reception to Years 6	Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice
Black PE shorts (generic)		Required from Reception to Years 6	Any high street retailer or supermarket of parents' choice

Further Information Part 2: Footwear

Students are required to have closed-toed, hard-soled, entirely black, plain shoes featuring a flat sole. Footwear adorned with flashing lights is deemed inappropriate for school. Boots and slip-on shoes are not permissible for both male and female students.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
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