



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Ref: Abbot's Lea School Uniform – New Uniform Provider

Our school uniform is an important part of our school identity.

We want our students to feel a sense of belonging to Abbot's Lea School and to take pride in being part of our school community. We also recognise the importance of ensuring that uniform is accessible to families and represents good value for money.

Following on from the recent unsuccessful choice of a uniform supplier in the summer of 2026, we have listened to your feedback and suggestions, accepted that we got it wrong, apologised sincerely for the poor experience, and gone back to the drawing board to search for a new, reputable local uniform supplier.

Change of the uniform supplier

We are pleased to inform you that **Kitted Out Schoolwear** is now the approved uniform provider for Abbot's Lea School.

The uniform orders and purchases will be possible from 16 October 2026 – both in store and online.

As part of our quality assurance, we visited the store (on a few occasions), we checked references with the schools that have been using the supplier for a number of years, and we worked with the supplier to ensure that we select items that represent best value for money, whilst complying with the DfE expectations of "branded/prescribed vs optional" items.

Kitted Out is a local school wear specialist based in south Liverpool. Families will have the option to buy online, or visit the store to view uniform, check sizing and purchase items in person, or order online. We also plan to have some sizing and sales days hosted at our school.

Kitted Out Schoolwear

5–17 Bleasdale Road
Allerton, Liverpool
L18 5JB

W: www.kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk

Changes to the uniform items

We have considered this moment of change of the supplier to also take stock of the aspects we had not tackled in the summer.

Due to the changing cohorts and needs, and the curricular pathways which prioritise grouping students based on developmental needs rather than age alone, we no longer stick to the key stage grouping, but instead, increasingly educate our students in cross-year groups (also known as vertical grouping). This is to ensure that every student thrives and progresses.

What has occurred, as a result, however, is that classes would have students from different age groups, in different “key stage” uniforms, and therefore presenting differently.

From now, we will simplify the uniform expectations and:

- All students in our Primary Department (from Reception to Year 6) will follow the same Primary Department uniform style.
- All students in our Secondary Department (Years 6-14) will follow the same Secondary Department uniform style.

We appreciate that introducing a new uniform provider mid-year, and changing some uniform items is not ideal.

Most notably for our Key Stage 5 students, who currently wear black and white formal wear, we understand that some of them might see this change as a regression. We ask for your support in explaining to them that classes have students from across the secondary key stages and we want all our senior students to share the same uniform identity.

Families have only just bought the items their child for this year and so, to respect this and not impose additional costs, we will allow students to wear their existing school wear until the end of the current academic year, or the moment of a new items being needed – whichever comes first.

We trust this transitional arrangement will be of assistance.

As previously, we will continue operating a “pre-loved uniform swap shop”, and so, if you have good quality clean uniform that you no longer need, please consider sending it to the school for us to store.

Equally, if you have a need for a replacement and welcome a second-hand option, please contact the office with your child’s gender, age, size and the specific item requirements and we will check if we have such items in stock.

We are here to help, and we thank you for your understanding and continued support of Abbot’s Lea School and our price in our school community.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher



Uniform List

How to use this list

Symbol	What it means	Where to buy
◆ BRANDED	Must carry the school logo or be a prescribed item	Only available from Kitted Out Schoolwear
✓ Generic	Plain item, no logo	Anywhere you choose

DfE guidance regarding branded or prescribed item limit:

- maximum **3** for Primary Department
- maximum **4** for Secondary Department (where a tie is chosen, it counts as one of the 4 – secondary boys only)

To comply with the DfE guidance, and to offer our students maximum flexibility of items that best meet their sensory needs, we specify our preferred items and alternative options:

- All students in our Primary Department regardless of the year group are expected to wear the same uniform, with options available and marked as such (for example: navy jogging bottoms or formal dark grey trousers, or tartan skirt for girls).
- All students in our Secondary Department are expected to wear the same uniform, regardless of year group, with options available and marked as such (for example formal blouse or optional polo with a logo, tartan skirt or formal grey trousers).

Other items are available from our uniform supplier, such as school coat, school backpack, and all items marked as generic (apart from footwear).

Families are asked to ensure that every item is clearly labelled with a child's name to increase the chance of uniting lost property with the owner.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

EARLY YEARS, KEY STAGE 1 AND KEY STAGE 2 (Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Boys

Formal uniform

Item	Branded or Generic	Colour / details
Polo shirt	◆ BRANDED	Light blue with school logo
Sweatshirt	◆ BRANDED	Navy with school logo
Navy Jogging bottoms (or) Formal school trousers	✓ Generic	Navy
		Dark grey
Socks	✓ Generic	Navy
Shoes	✓ Generic	Black, leather or leather-like, or plain black trainers with black soles.
Formal school summer shorts (optional)	✓ Generic	Dark grey

PE uniform

Item	Branded or Generic	Colour / details
Polo shirt (the same as formal uniform)	◆ BRANDED	Light blue with school logo
Sweatshirt (the same as formal uniform)	◆ BRANDED	Navy with school logo
PE shorts	✓ Generic	Navy
Jogging bottoms (the same as formal uniform)	✓ Generic	Navy
Trainers or plimsolls	✓ Generic	Any plain colour
PE Socks	✓ Generic	Navy

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

EARLY YEARS, KEY STAGE 1 AND KEY STAGE 2 (Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Girls

Formal uniform

Item	Branded or Generic	Colour / details
Polo T-shirt	◆ BRANDED	Light blue with school logo
Sweatshirt	◆ BRANDED	Navy with school logo
Knitted cardigan (optional)	◆ BRANDED	Navy with school logo
Tartan skirt	◆ BRANDED	Abbot's Lea tartan
Jogging bottoms	✓ Generic	Navy
Formal grey trousers (alternative to tartan skirt)	✓ Generic	Dark grey
Socks or tights	✓ Generic	Navy
Shoes	✓ Generic	Black, leather or leather-like, or plain black trainers with black soles.
Summer dress (optional)	✓ Generic	Gingham check, sky blue and white

PE uniform

Item	Branded or Generic	Colour / details
Polo T-shirt (the same as formal uniform)	◆ BRANDED	Light blue with school logo
Sweatshirt (the same as formal uniform)	◆ BRANDED	Navy with school logo
PE shorts	✓ Generic	Navy
Jogging bottoms (the same as formal uniform)	✓ Generic	Navy
PE Socks	✓ Generic	Navy
Trainers or plimsolls	✓ Generic	Any plain colour

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT

KEY STAGE 3, 4 and 5
(Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14)

Boys

Formal uniform

Item	Branded or Generic	Colour / details
Shirt	✔ Generic	Light blue, long or short sleeve
Tie	◆ BRANDED	Navy and light blue stripe supplier only
Polo T-Shirt (optional for students unable to wear shirt and tie)	◆ BRANDED	Light blue with school logo
Blazer or Knitted Jumper (or both if wanted)	◆ BRANDED	Navy with school badge
Formal school trousers	✔ Generic	Dark Grey
Formal school shorts (summer uniform) – optional	✔ Generic	Dark Grey
Socks	✔ Generic	Grey
Shoes	✔ Generic	Black, leather or leather-like, or plain black trainers with black soles.

PE uniform

Item	Branded or Generic	Colour / details
PE T-shirt	◆ BRANDED	Navy with school logo
PE hoodie	◆ BRANDED	Navy with school logo
PE shorts or tracksuit bottoms	✔ Generic	Navy
Socks	✔ Generic	Navy
Trainers	✔ Generic	Any plain colour

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT

KEY STAGE 3, 4 and 5
(Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14)

Girls

Formal uniform

Item	Branded or Generic	Colour / details
Blouse	✔ Generic	Light blue (short or long sleeved)
Polo T-Shirt (optional for students unable to wear a formal blouse)	◆ BRANDED	Light blue with school logo
Blazer or Knitted Jumper or Knitted Cardigan	◆ BRANDED	Navy with school logo
Tartan Skirt (optional)	◆ BRANDED	Abbot's Lea tartan
Formal school trousers	✔ Generic	Grey
Tights or socks	✔ Generic	Navy
Shoes	✔ Generic	Black, leather or leather-like, or plain black trainers with black soles.

PE uniform

Item	Branded or Generic	Colour / details
PE T-shirt	◆ BRANDED	Navy with school logo
PE hoodie	◆ BRANDED	Navy with school logo
PE shorts, skort or leggings	✔ Generic	Navy
Socks	✔ Generic	Navy
Trainers	✔ Generic	Any plain colour
Shoes	✔ Generic	Any plain colour