



Uniform Expectations

Co-op Academy North Manchester Uniform Expectations



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We expect all of our pupils to proudly wear our uniform when attending the academy, or when participating in an academy-organised event outside of normal school hours. Our policy regarding uniform is based upon the principles that it:

- promotes a sense of pride in the academy;
- promotes a sense of community and belonging in the academy;
- is fair and equal - reducing peer pressure around dressing in labels and fashions;
- is suitable wear for school and good value for money;
- is smart and practical

All pupils are required to wear:

- black academy blazer with Co-op badge
- Co-op North Manchester year-coloured tie
- plain black, tailored, straight-legged school trousers (encouraged for all) or, if opting for a skirt:
- a black skirt with fixed pleats (skirt suppliers on page 6), worn close to the knee and unrolled, with plain black tights (not socks). Tights must be opaque, no less than 40 denier.
- white school shirt with top-button fastened
- plain black v-neck jumper (optional)
- flat plain black school shoes (shoes guidance on page 4)

For PE lessons, all pupils are required to wear:

- Co-op North Manchester royal blue PE t-shirt with logo
- Co-op North Manchester black shorts with logo
- Co-op North Manchester royal blue PE socks (boys only)
- plain black sports leggings (no branded leggings)
- trainers

All branded Co-op North Manchester uniform items are available to purchase via the Arbor Parent App. Our recommended supplier for other uniform items is Ziggy's Harpurhey Shopping Centre, North City Shopping Centre, 20 Lee Rd, Manchester M9 4DH

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Examples of suitable footwear	Footwear not permitted
	 No logos or embellishments
	 No canvas shoes
	 No bubbles or uneven soles
	 No obvious branding or white/ coloured soles
	 No fashion boots or other styles of fashion shoe to include sliders

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Trousers

Pupils are encouraged to wear tailored-black school trousers with a straight leg and black socks: [Trousers Example](#)

Pupils cannot wear flared trousers, cargo trousers/ combat trousers, leggings, jean style trousers or tight 'jeggings' style trousers of any kind..



Jumpers

Pupils can opt to wear a plain black knitted V-neck school jumper under their blazer for extra warmth. This must be V-neck in order to be able to see the tie. All pupils must wear a blazer with their jumper; jumpers cannot be worn instead of a blazer: [Ziggy's Jumper Example](#)

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Suppliers of the preferred
pleated skirts (linked):

- [Ziggy's](#)
- [Asda](#)
- [Tesco](#)
- [Next](#)
- [School uniform shop](#)
- [Amazon](#)
- [Marks and Spencer](#)

Skirts

If pupils want to wear a skirt, Co-op North Manchester skirts are black with fixed pleats that are worn close to the knee in length (not rolled at the waist). Skirts are only worn with black tights (minimum 40 denier) Pencil skirts, skater skirts, bandage skirts and skorts are not our uniform.



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Banned Items

The following items are not allowed to be worn at Co-op Academy North Manchester:

- hoodies
- caps
- beanie hats
- sliders
- body warmers
- leg warmers
- air pods



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Socks

If pupils opt to wear tailored trousers, they should be worn with plain black socks. If pupils opt to wear a school skirt it must be worn with black tights of at least 40 denier: ankle socks, frilled socks or knee-high socks are not permitted in any colour.



Equipment and Stationery

- A school bag big enough to fit A4 exercise books
- A pencil case
- A scientific calculator
- Stationery: pens/ pencils/ ruler
- A reusable water bottle
- A waterproof coat - coats are not worn inside the building and go into bags during the day.



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Hairstyles and Nails:

Nails must be natural and of an acceptable length due to the health and safety risks that long nails present. Pupils are not permitted to attend the academy with any form of pattern shaved into their heads or eyebrows. Extreme hairstyles such as Mohican-style haircuts are not allowed.

Jewellery:

- Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings which must not hang below the bottom of the earlobe.
- Large earrings that hang below the earlobe, bars or hoops are not permitted, as shown in the images below.
- No other jewellery is permitted to be worn for school including bracelets, chains, rings or facial piercings

