

Uniform Expectations

Uniform at Paddington

At Paddington Academy, uniform standards are very high because they play an important role in creating a calm, focused and purposeful environment for learning. Students are expected to wear their uniform with pride, presenting themselves as smart, confident and respectful members of the school community. Wearing the full and correct uniform is a non-negotiable expectation.

This applies at all times, including:

- On the school site
- Travelling to and from school
- Representing the Academy at events or trips

Students must be in full, correct uniform to attend lessons. Where issues arise, the school will support students to resolve them; however, if this is not possible, students may be placed in Reflection or sent home to correct their uniform.

Value For Money

Paddington Academy is committed to ensuring that school uniform is affordable for all families. We work closely with our supplier, Price & Buckland, to provide high-quality, durable uniform at a competitive price. We are proud to have one of the lowest-cost uniforms in Westminster.

In line with government guidance, the number of compulsory branded items is kept to a minimum. Most items can be purchased from a range of retailers, provided they meet the required standard in colour and style.

Support is available for families where needed, including access to pre-worn uniform and additional assistance through the school.



Uniform Expectations

Expectations of Uniform

Students must wear the full, correct uniform every day and uniform must be worn properly at all times (e.g. shirts tucked in, ties correctly worn).

Shoes must be plain black and formal. Make-up, jewellery and extreme hairstyles are not permitted

PE kit must be worn correctly on timetabled PE days

High standards of uniform are essential in promoting a sense of belonging, pride and readiness to learn.

Purchasing Uniform

All branded items must be purchased from Price & Buckland via the school website. Non-branded items can be purchased from any retailer, provided they meet school expectations.

Full details of all uniform requirements are provided in the appendices that follow this page.

Each item description will clearly indicate whether it must be purchased from the official supplier or can be bought elsewhere.



Uniform Expectations – Boys' Uniform

Plain white shirt - short or long sleeved (*can be purchased anywhere*)

PA Navy School Jumper (Optional) - A fine-knit navy school jumper with a 'V'-neck and light blue piping at the collar.

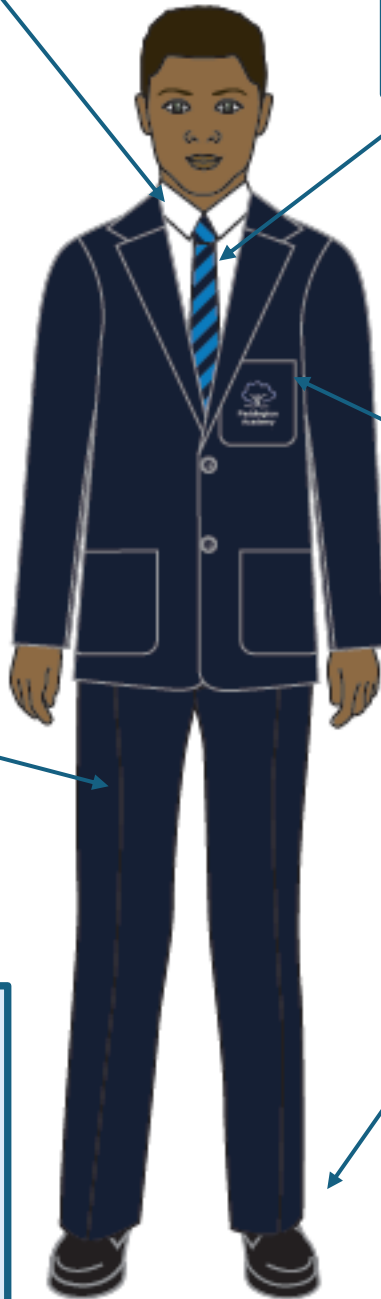
Paddington Academy clip-on school tie

Paddington Academy blazer with school logo


Paddington Academy trousers with small logo

Black leather, polishable shoes with black soles and black laces/ slip-on but these must not be Velcro. (*can be purchased anywhere*)
It is important that these are formal shoes and not trainers or trainer-like.

Navy blue or black socks without large logos or designs (*Can be purchased anywhere*)



Uniform Expectations – Boys *Explained*

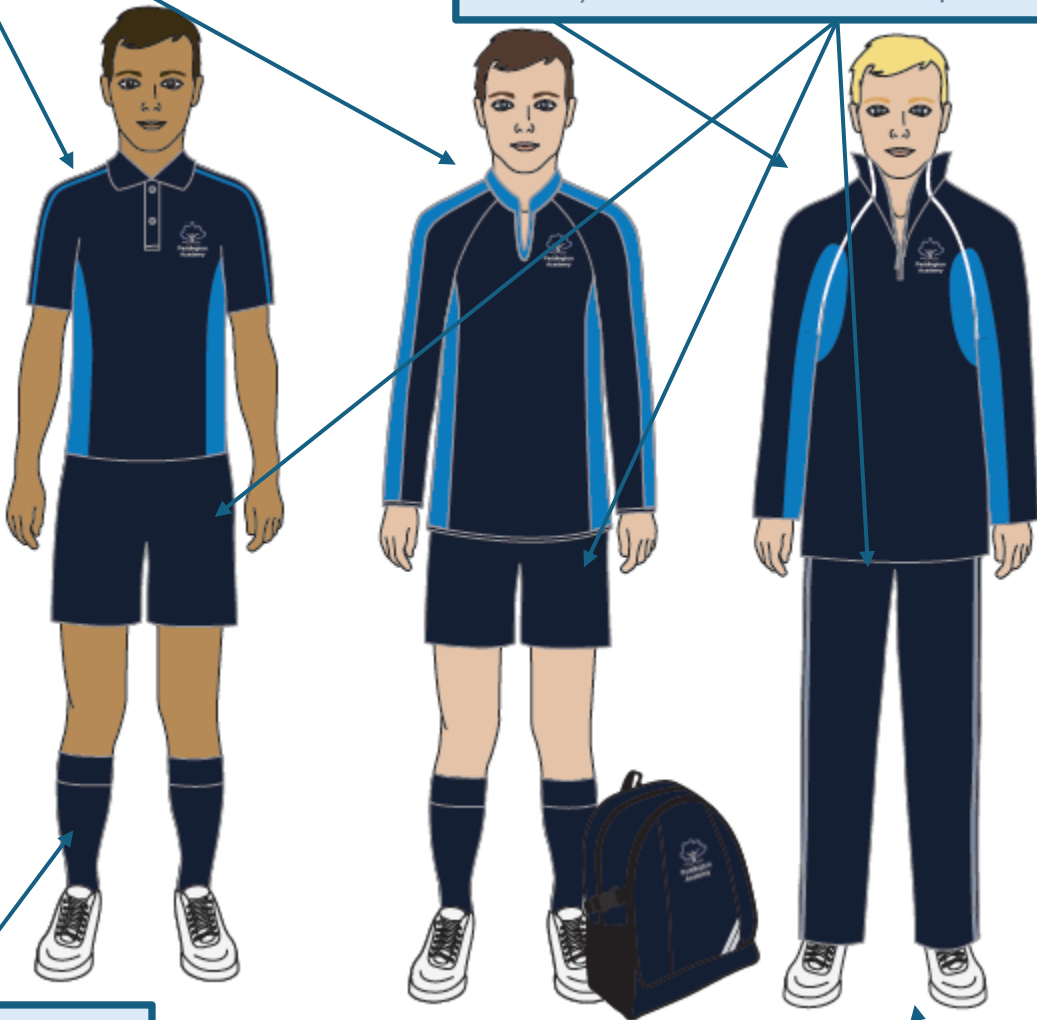
Item	Standard expected
PA Blazer	Must be Paddington Academy blazer with school logo
Navy trousers	Must be Paddington Academy trousers with school logo at the waist
Plain White Shirt <i>(can be purchased anywhere)</i>	Must be plain white with a formal collar. Students are not allowed to wear non-white T shirts/vests underneath their shirts. Shirts must be fully buttoned-up and tucked in at all times
Belt (optional)	Must be plain navy, black or brown. The buckle must be sensible and appropriately sized and must not have a buckle which contains a logo.
PA Navy School Jumper (Optional)	A fine-knit navy school jumper with a 'V'-neck and light blue piping at the collar which must be plain navy with no logo and worn in a way that does not obscure the school tie.
Tie	PA clip-on tie which must be worn with the shirt buttoned to the neck.
Socks	Must be navy blue or black (or white for PE kit)
Black leather, polishable shoes <i>(can be purchased anywhere)</i>	<p>Black leather, polishable shoes with black soles and black laces/ slip-on but these must not be Velcro. It is important that these are formal shoes and not trainers or trainer like and not boots.</p>  <p>If you are unsure before purchasing, you can contact Admissions at admissions@paddington-academy.org for support.</p>

Uniform Expectations – Boys' PE Kit

Paddington Academy PE Top with school logo (either short or long-sleeved)

Students must wear either:

- Paddington Academy navy shorts (with optional navy base layer underneath), or
- Paddington Academy navy tracksuit bottoms (with logo), or
- A plain navy tracksuit or shorts (with no visible logos and no piping or block bars of colour) made from suitable sports material



Navy blue or white sports socks (Can be purchased anywhere)

Sports trainers (can be any colour as long as they are suitable for sports so should not be a "fashion trainer" (can be purchased anywhere)

Uniform Expectations – Girls' Uniform

Navy blue hijab – more details in final pages
(optional – can be purchased anywhere)

Plain white 'revere collar blouse' (more details on next page)

PA Navy School Jumper (Optional) - A fine-knit navy school jumper with a 'V'-neck and light blue piping at the collar.



Paddington Academy blazer with school logo

Navy blue or black socks or tights
(can be purchased anywhere)

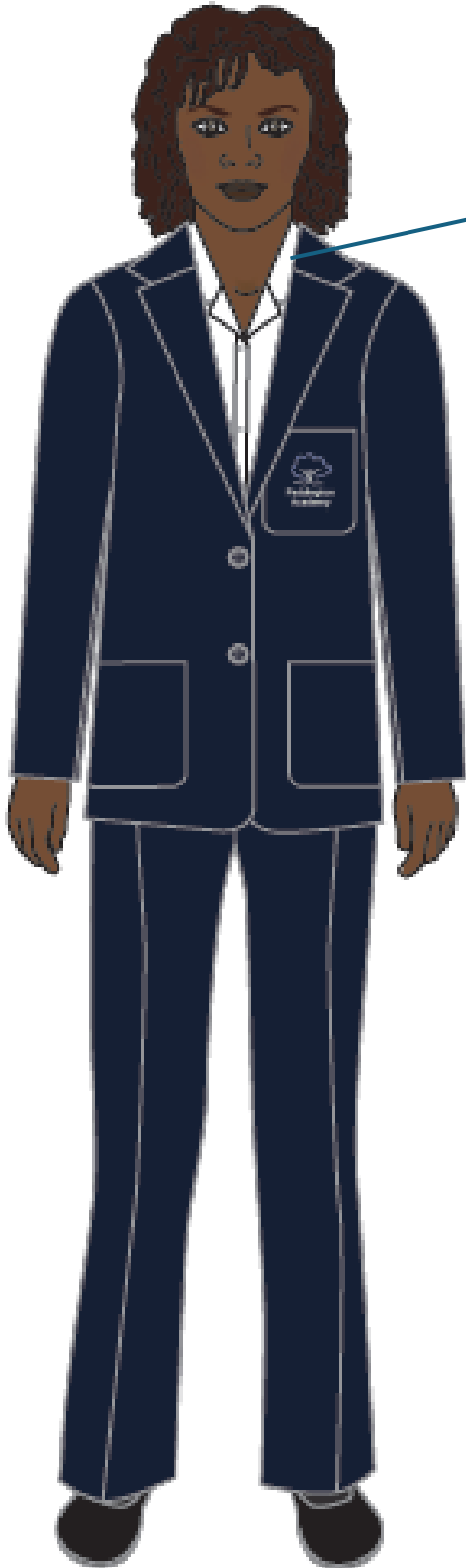
Black leather, polishable shoes with black soles and black laces/ slip-on but these must not be Velcro. *(can be purchased anywhere)*

It is important that these are formal shoes and not trainers or trainer-like, boots or heels.

Paddington Academy short skirt, trousers or long skirt, all with school logo

Uniform Expectations – Revere Collar Blouse

All girls need to wear a plain white 'revere-collar blouse' – This can be either short or long sleeved. *(Can be purchased anywhere)*

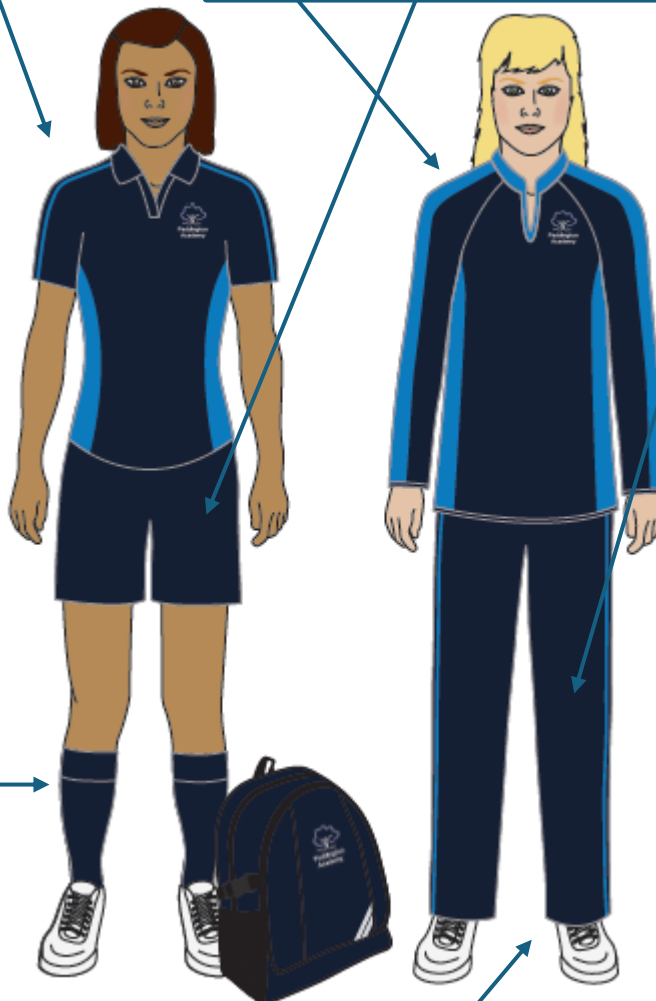


Uniform Expectations – Girls' PE Kit

Paddington Academy
PE Top with school
logo (either short or
long-sleeved)

Students must wear either:

- Paddington Academy navy shorts (with optional navy base layer underneath), or
- Paddington Academy navy tracksuit bottoms (with logo), or
- A plain navy tracksuit or shorts (with no visible logos and no piping or block bars of colour) made from suitable sports material
- Leggings are not permitted as PE kit.



Navy blue or
white sports
socks (*Can
be purchased
anywhere*)

Sports trainers (can be any colour as long as they are suitable for sports so should not be a “fashion trainer” (can be purchased anywhere)

Uniform Expectations – Girls' *Explained*

Item	Standard expected
PA Blazer	Must be Paddington Academy blazer with school logo
Navy Skirt or long skirt or trousers	Must be Paddington Academy trousers with school logo at the waist
Plain White Shirt <i>(Can be purchased anywhere)</i>	Must be plain white 'revere-collar blouse'. Students are not allowed to wear non-white T shirts/vests underneath their shirts. Shirts must be fully buttoned-up and tucked in at all times
Belt (optional)	Must be plain navy, black or brown. The buckle must be sensible and appropriately sized and must not have a buckle which contains a logo.
PA Navy School Jumper (Optional)	A fine-knit navy school jumper with a 'V'-neck and light blue piping at the collar which must be plain navy with no logo and worn in a way that does not obscure the revere collar blouse
Socks or tights	Must be navy blue or black (or white for PE kit)
Black leather, polishable shoes <i>(can be purchased anywhere)</i>	<p>Black leather, polishable shoes with black soles and black laces/ slip-on but these must not be Velcro. It is important that these are formal shoes and not trainers, trainer-like, boots or heels.</p> <div data-bbox="415 1245 1179 1653" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>If you are unsure before purchasing, you can contact Admissions at admissions@paddington-academy.org for support.</p>
Plain Navy Hijab (optional)	Must be plain navy, made from a smooth (non-crinkled) fabric, and 'straight cut' without tassels. It must be worn so that the blazer logo remains visible, sitting at or above chest level. Hijabs should be shoulder length or neatly tucked in and not worn long down the back.

School Bags

PA Backpack

At Paddington Academy, students in Years 7 and 8 are no longer required to have a branded school bag; however, we strongly encourage families to consider purchasing the Paddington Academy backpack. This bag is designed to be durable and fit for purpose, with many students finding that it lasts for several years and therefore represents good value for money.

Regardless of the option chosen, all students in every year group are expected to bring an appropriate school bag each day that is suitable for carrying books and equipment safely and comfortably. The official Paddington Academy backpack, featuring the school logo, can be purchased from our uniform supplier, Price & Buckland.

Bag Expectations

Alternatively, students may bring their own bag, but this must be a plain navy backpack with no visible logos or branding. Handbags or small fashion bags are not appropriate and do not meet these expectations. To support affordability, the Academy also maintains a supply of pre-worn Paddington Academy backpacks, which are available to families depending on donated stock, and we will always do our best to provide support where possible.



Uniform Expectations – Standards

At Paddington Academy, high standards of presentation are essential. Students are expected to maintain a smart, professional appearance at all times, reflecting pride in the school and readiness to learn.

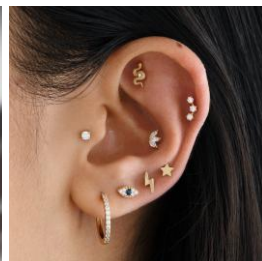
PE Days

On timetabled PE days, students must arrive in their full PE kit. This allows for more active learning time and supports healthy routines. Students must not wear PE kit on non-PE days. Failure to bring the correct kit or wearing PE kit incorrectly will result in an after-school detention.



Make-up, Jewellery and Appearance

Make-up is not permitted, including false nails or nail varnish. Only clear lip balm is allowed. No jewellery is permitted, except a simple, non-electronic watch. Piercings must be removed and cannot be worn in any form. Hair must be natural in colour and neat in style; extreme styles are not allowed and slits in the hair or eyebrows are also not permitted. Students who do not meet these expectations will be required to correct them. Where this is not possible, further sanctions such as Reflection may be applied. Below are some examples of what is not permitted:



Uniform Expectations – Standards

Coats and Accessories

Coats should be plain, dark, and suitable for a school environment to maintain a smart and consistent appearance. Items such as hoodies, tracksuit tops, and fashion outerwear are not permitted. Hats may be worn outside but must be removed indoors, and face coverings such as balaclavas and snoods are not allowed at any time. Belts should be plain, with small, simple buckles. These expectations support a calm, professional atmosphere in which all students are prepared to learn and represent the Academy with pride.



Hijabs

Hijabs should be plain navy blue, without any decoration or tassels, to ensure a consistent and smart appearance in line with the school uniform. They must be worn at shoulder length and tucked in so that the uniform remains fully visible. Any under cap worn beneath the hijab should also be plain navy, maintaining the same standard of simplicity and uniformity.

