

Reference: NW/KS

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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Clarification and Changes to Uniform Policy

I am writing to clarify our policy in relation to jewellery. The current policy states “no facial or body piercing is allowed”. I am aware of a current trend of micro dermal implants and wish to reiterate that micro dermal facial and body implants / piercings are not permissible at The Vale Academy for Health and Safety reasons. The only piercings/implants permissible in the academy are studs in ears – which does not include ‘ear stretchers’ or other such devices.

For clarity, this has now been added to our uniform policy with immediate effect. A copy of the policy is available on the academy website.

Yours faithfully



Nicola Williams  
Principal

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## **Academy Uniform**

- Academy blazer (black with royal blue trim and Vale logo)
- Plain black, long-sleeved V neck jumper (optional)
- Black, royal blue and gold academy tie (clip on)
- White shirt (fitted blouses are not allowed)
- Plain black trousers or skirt (jeans, leggings, 'jeggings' style trousers and tube skirts are not allowed)
- Plain black footwear which affords adequate protection for each activity a child is likely to encounter including those in workshops and laboratories. Stiletto, high heels and 'ugg' style boots are not allowed.
- Plain black socks or tights
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## **Jewellery**

- For health and safety reasons jewellery should be limited to a wrist watch and studs in pierced ears.
- No facial or body piercing is allowed.
- Micro dermal facial and body implants/piercings are not allowed.
- Ear stretchers are not allowed.

## **PE Kit and Equipment**

### **Indoor**

Sky blue Vale T-Shirt  
Black Shorts  
White socks  
Clean non-marking trainers

### **Outdoor**

All students should have their indoor kit with the following additions:  
Vale Academy hooded sweatshirt  
Sky blue football/hockey socks  
Football/hockey boots  
Plain black tracksuit bottoms (worn at the discretion of staff)

## **Valuables**

Valuables handed into PE staff must have a maximum value of £25.00 and **are brought at your own risk**.

Jewellery and money will only be collected in PE if it is put in an envelope, box bag or purse which is clearly named.

Valuables must be collected at the end of each PE lesson.

## **Wearing Your Uniform**

### **Remember.....**

- uniform should be worn smartly; shirts should be fastened fully and tucked in and ties should be clipped to the top button;
- there should be no visible t- shirts worn underneath shirts;
- trainers should not be worn in the buildings; if you wear trainers during break/ lunchtimes whilst playing games you must change back into shoes before entering the buildings;
- extreme hairstyles, hair colours and excessive make up are not allowed;
- skirts should not be too short and trousers should be worn at an acceptable waist height;
- coats and other outdoor clothing must not be worn in classrooms