ARBOR

UNIFORM GUIDE

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ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

ENOUGH FOR ALL, FOREVER.



1. INTRODUCTION

This guide has been put together to assist you with the uniform requirements of the Arbor School. The school has partnered with Stitches, a quality uniform provider in the United Arab Emirates, to develop designs and fabrics which we believe will ensure your children to be both smart and comfortable as they engage with their learning.

The Arbor School has partnered with <u>Kapes</u> the only supplier of fully sustainable school uniforms in the UAE. All Arbor School uniforms are 100% sustainable and organic, made in ethically certified factories that guarantee employee welfare whilst paying fair wages, just one reason we are proud to be partnered with them.

The launch of this partnership is more than just helping reduce the environmental impact of our uniforms. We want to use school uniforms as a tool for positive change in the world. Therefore, for every student at Arbor that purchases a Kapes uniform, we will give a free uniform to a child in need in a developing country. Making our school uniforms good for the students wearing them, good for the people making them and good for the planet we all live on.

For more information on our school uniforms please visit <u>https://www.thearborschool.ae/admissions/sustainable-uniforms</u>. If you have any questions related to uniform requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>reception@thearborschool.ae</u>.

To place your uniform order, please visit <u>shopkapes.com</u> and use the code **7enHB3Uk2P**.





2. ARBOR UNIFORM CODE

The intention of the dress code is to ensure our students are consistently well presented, whilst being comfortable and in style consistent with the ethos and approach of the Arbor School. All students are expected to come to school neatly groomed and in the correct school uniform. We ask parental support in meeting these expectations. Uniforms must be purchased from our uniform partner to ensure consistency in appearance throughout the school.

Our uniform code is as follows:

FOUNDATION STAGE 1 & 2	YEAR 1 – YEAR 6	YEAR 7 -YEAR 11
Polo Shirt	Short Sleeved Blouse/Shirt	Short Sleeved Blouse/Shirt
Shorts or Trousers (Boys)	Shorts or Trousers (Boys)	Trousers (Boys)
Skort, Shorts or Trousers (Girls)	Skort, Shorts or Trousers (Girls)	Skirt, Skort or Trousers (Girls)
School Jacket	School Jacket	School Jacket
House polo shirt	House polo shirt	House polo shirt
School Hat	School Hat	School Hat
Swimming Cap	Swimming Cap	Swimming Cap
	P.E. Uniform	P.E. Uniform





A. GENERAL RULES

Trolley bags, for practical reasons are not recommended. Where required, children should use backpacks. These are available through our uniform partner but can also be sourced independently. In Foundation Stage, children are requested not to bring backpacks, but are required to bring school bookbags.

House polo shirts are to be worn on Thursday by the entire community.

Students will be asked to tie hair back if it is longer than shoulder length for health and safety reasons. Hair bands should be in plain green or black, no other hair ornament is necessary.

Hair should be appropriate to a school environment; hair must be of natural colour. Use of hair dyes, colored extensions, shavings, or patterns, is not permissible.

Make up and nail varnish is not permitted, students will be requested to remove it.

For safety and hygiene, nails for all students should be short.

Students are permitted to wear the following jewelry: one pair of small stud earrings through the earlobe and a watch. All jewelry must be removed during PE lessons and interschool matches, and students are individually responsible for its safe keeping.

Plain white socks and plain black school shoes must be worn on all school days except for P.E. days. Please find the following guidance for shoes.

If a student is in breach of the dress code, the school will contact the parents to request the appropriate changes.

(1) FS1 TO YEAR 6

Footwear at this level can be Velcro type if required, due to the young age of the students. Formal shoes may also be worn. These are typically leather and **must be completely black.**







(2) YEAR 7 UPWARDS

Footwear at this stage should be more formal. Formal shoes are typically leather **and must be completely black.** Canvas shoes and sneakers, pumps, trainers or plimsol are not acceptable.



B. PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Foundation students are not required to wear a P.E. kit to school, but to only bring swim wear as and when required. On P.E. days sports shoes must be worn.

Full P.E. uniform provided by our uniform partner is required in Year 1-11.

School hats always need to be worn during any outside activities including P.E., extra-curricular and playtimes.

Girls should wear blue or black one-piece swimming costumes. Longer wetsuit style costumes are also permissible. Boys should wear blue or black swim shorts with optional rash vest of the same colours. It is important that children wear correct fitting swimming wear for health and safety reasons.





School uniform swim caps are required for all swimming lessons and activities. Goggles are also a must, which can be sourced independently. On swimming days, students are expected to bring a swimming bag large enough to hold a towel, swimming costume, flip-flops / rubber shoes, swim cap and goggles.

All jewelry must be removed during PE lessons and interschool matches, and students are individually responsible for its safe keeping.

Footwear for indoor sporting activities should have a non-marking sole and be suitable for multi-sports. All queries should be sent to our Head of P.E., Mr. George Spurling on gspurling@thearborschool.ae. Please find the following guidance for shoes.



Acceptable as a sports shoe

