



School Uniform Policy

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TRINITY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

At our school, we believe that wearing a smart and consistent uniform helps every child ***be the best they can be*** (our school motto).

Our uniform is more than just clothing—it represents pride in our community, a sense of belonging, and a shared commitment to learning.

As a school rooted in Christian values, we strive to value and nurture each individual. Our vision is to ensure that every child reaches their full potential by building resilience, gaining knowledge, and developing the skills needed to become **compassionate** and **respectful global citizens** (our school values). A clear and inclusive uniform policy supports this vision by promoting equality, removing distractions, and helping children feel confident in themselves and ready to learn.

We encourage all pupils to approach school life with curiosity, to recognise their strengths and talents, and to enjoy the opportunities offered through our ambitious curriculum. By wearing their uniform with pride, children demonstrate their readiness to learn, their respect for others, and their commitment to leading a healthy, positive school life.

This uniform policy reflects our shared values and sets the foundation for a safe, supportive and aspirational learning environment for all.

Aims and objectives

Our uniform policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- projects the high expectations of the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, sustainable, durable, good quality and good value for money, by parents/carers, staff and governors;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Statutory Guidance

Our school uniform policy adheres to the DfE statutory guidance (see links to guidance in references below) that ‘schools should limit the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to 3 or fewer’.

All school uniform items set out below can be purchased unbranded from a range of retailers, except for our bespoke P.E Kit sports tops which are branded with the school logo. Therefore, there is only 1 item of uniform that has to be branded.

There are a range of uniform items that can be branded with the school logo which can be purchased by parents/carers from the School Shop if you wish to.

School Uniform

We encourage our children to adopt the following uniform. This helps to give the children an identity as a whole school, both at school and when we are involved in events and visits.

Parents/carers should ensure that each item of your child's clothing is clearly marked with their name.

School uniform requirements are as follows:

- Dark green school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey or black pinafore dress, skirt, trousers or shorts
- White blouse/shirt or yellow or white polo shirt
- Grey, white or black plain socks
- Green & white check dress (optional for summer)

PE Kit

Please note that the school requirements for PE are as follows

- School Sports top (KS2) or Sports T-Shirt (KS1)
- Plain black shorts
- Black football socks
- Pumps or trainers

Children will be provided with a spare PE kit if they do not bring their P.E. kit. Depending on the activity, children may have to take part in PE with their school uniform or shoes.

We ask the children either to remove permitted jewellery during PE, swimming and dance lessons or to cover them with a plaster.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults.

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this.

Children must wear appropriate all black school shoes during the day. Trainers and pumps should be only worn in PE lessons or where the school has been advised of a medical condition that prevents the wearing of school shoes.

Second-hand Uniform

The school holds a bank of second-hand uniform which parents/carers can access in the school foyer/office.

The school also works with local charities to seek uniform for parents/carers, if/when necessary, to support families.

Jewellery

The only permitted jewellery is one small stud in pierced ears, a wrist watch and a medical alert bracelet or necklace. From time to time, children may wish to wear a single charity wrist band. Ear studs must be removed or covered with tape during PE or other specific activities in which it requires children to do so e.g. swimming.

School staff are not responsible for the safe keeping of jewellery and cannot be held responsible if items go missing.

Makeup/Nails

Children must not wear make-up or have nails painted.

Temporary Tattoos

Children must not wear visible temporary tattoos.

Hair Styles

Whilst hair styles are a matter for personal taste, certain styles of a more extreme nature can become a distraction to the pupil involved and other children in the school.

The following are not acceptable (but not limited to): dyed hair, gelled hair which is spiked and styles where words, patterns or logos are shaved in (The headteacher and governing body reserve the right to make a final decision if necessary).

If you are unsure about whether or not a hairstyle is appropriate for school, please ask the headteacher before having it done.

Hairbands and Bows

Children are free to wear hairbands and bows, providing such items do not become a distraction to the child or others.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the dress code policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

If any parent would like the school to modify the dress code policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher.

Under the Equality Act 2010, children have the right to dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression.

Similarly, should an item of dress prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably and will make reasonable adjustment where and when necessary.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the dress code, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors will ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is suitable, durable, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

Non-Compliance

Parents will be contacted by the school if their child does not adhere to this policy. If parents have difficulty meeting these standards, they are requested to discuss these with the headteacher.

The school will follow Department for Education guidance in relation to enforcing school uniform. DFE guidance explains that teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This will be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy.

References

This policy has taken into consideration the statutory and non-statutory DfE Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms>