



## **School Uniform Policy**

### **Introduction**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Our approach to school uniform reflects our values of belonging, equality and community. We are committed to ensuring that uniform is affordable, practical and accessible for all families.

A full list of required items is available below and on our website.

### **Aims and Objectives**

- Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:
- Promotes a sense of pride and belonging
- Supports equality and inclusion
- Is practical, smart and safe
- Identifies children as members of our school community
- Is good value for money
- Promotes cohesion between different groups of pupils

### **School Uniform Requirements**

- The uniform comprises:
- Black or grey trousers or skirt
- Red or white polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black shoes (no trainers)
- No jewellery (including earrings)

### **PE Kit**

- Black shorts or joggers
- Plain white t-shirt
- Black plimsolls

### **Limiting Branded Uniform Items**

In line with current and forthcoming Department for Education guidance, the school keeps compulsory branded uniform and PE kit items to a minimum. From September 2026, primary schools in England are expected to limit compulsory branded items to no more than three. Families may choose non-branded alternatives for most items to maximise affordability and flexibility.

### **Branded and Non-Branded Items**

Most uniform items do not need to be branded and can be purchased from supermarkets or high

street retailers. Branded items (such as a sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo) are optional and available via Tots To Teams. We deliberately keep branded requirements to a minimum in order to ensure affordability and flexibility for families.

### **Second-Hand Uniform**

The school maintains a stock of good-quality second-hand uniform, which is available free of charge to families.

We encourage families to donate items their children have outgrown to support sustainability and community access.

Please contact the school office in confidence if you would like to access second-hand uniform.

### **Affordability**

In line with Department for Education guidance, we:

- Limit the number of branded items required
- Avoid unnecessary specification of expensive items
- Allow generic alternatives where appropriate
- Provide access to second-hand uniform
- Regularly review our policy to ensure it remains affordable

We are committed to ensuring that the cost of uniform does not become a barrier to attendance or inclusion.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds, jewellery is not permitted, including earrings.

If ears are pierced, this must take place at the start of the summer holiday to allow sufficient healing time so that earrings can be removed before the new academic year begins.

### **Religious and Cultural Considerations**

We welcome children from all backgrounds and faith communities.

If there are religious or cultural grounds for variation from the standard uniform, we will consider requests sensitively and reasonably on an individual basis.

The Human Rights Act 1998 protects the right to manifest one's religion or beliefs, and we will work with families to accommodate requirements wherever possible.

### **The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing this policy.

Governors:

- Ensure the policy complies with equalities legislation
- Monitor affordability
- Consider representations from parents
- Review the policy periodically

### **Monitoring and Review**

The governing body reviews the school uniform policy through committee work by:

- Considering any requests for individual dispensation
- Reviewing implementation and affordability
- Ensuring compliance with statutory guidance

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At every review, the policy will be approved by the academy Trust Board