



School Uniform Policy

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Responsibility for monitoring this policy: Executive Headteachers/ Headteachers			
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School Uniform Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out the expectations for school uniform and pupil appearance at **Priory Primary School**. The school expects all pupils to wear the correct uniform when attending school, travelling to and from school, and when representing the school in the community.

The school believes that a consistent school uniform:

- promotes a sense of belonging and pride in the school
- supports equality between pupils
- helps pupils focus on learning rather than fashion or peer pressure
- contributes to a safe and purposeful learning environment
- ensures clothing is practical for school activities.

2. Legal Framework

This policy has been developed in accordance with:

- Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021
- Department for Education Guidance on School Uniform
- Equality Act 2010
- Human Rights Act 1998

The school ensures that the uniform policy:

- is reasonable and proportionate
- minimises the number of compulsory branded items to a maximum of 3 items to reduce uniform costs
- is affordable for families
- does not discriminate against pupils with protected characteristics

Where appropriate, reasonable adjustments will be made for pupils with disabilities, medical conditions, or religious requirements.

3. Cost and Affordability

The school recognises that the cost of uniform can place pressure on families and therefore commits to ensuring that:

- most items can be purchased from a range of retailers
- branded items are kept to a minimum of 3 items
- pre-loved uniform is available from the school
- support is available for families experiencing financial difficulty. Parents who require support can contact the school office

4. Availability of Uniform

Branded Uniform

- School sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts can be purchased from: www.myclothing.com
- Most other uniform items can be purchased from high street retailers or supermarkets

5. Pre-Loved Uniform and Sustainability

The school supports sustainability and recognises the importance of reducing uniform costs. Pre-loved uniform items are available through the <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/197>. for a small contribution. In addition to this, parents are welcome to speak to their child's class teacher. Donations of uniform are welcomed.

All items are:

- clean
- in good condition
- ready to wear

6. School Uniform: Everyday Uniform – See appendix A for checklist

All pupils (including nursery pupils) are expected to wear:

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (recommended branded item but optional)
- School white polo shirt (recommended branded item but optional)
- Black/charcoal grey trousers – smart school trousers (children in nursery are able to wear black or charcoal grey joggers)
- Black/charcoal grey school skirt
- Grey or black socks
- Black school shoes - no trainers, open-toed shoes or large 'Doc Martin' style boots. If children wear boots during the winter months, then they must be plain, flat, black leather no taller than mid-calf height

In the summer (February half term to the end of the school year), children are also welcome to wear:

- Black/charcoal grey short – smart school shorts
- Blue gingham pinafore dress

7. Physical Education (PE) Kit

Pupils should wear:

- Plain white T-shirt
- Navy blue or black tracksuit – only small sports logo permitted
- Navy blue or black shorts (February half-term to the end of the school year)
- Trainers or school plimsolls

For safety reasons, all jewellery must be removed before PE lessons – children will not be permitted to take part in PE if they are wearing earring and cannot remove them themselves. Please save the piercing of ears to the very start of the summer holidays.

On the designated PE days, children can come to school in their PE kits. However, if children do not adhere to the uniform policy, then this right will be removed. If a child arrives without the correct PE kit.

Please note coloured tracksuits, large logos and football shirts are not acceptable PE kit.

8. Forest School and Outdoor Learning

Forest School sessions form an important part of the curriculum and involve outdoor learning activities. Pupils should wear clothing that is comfortable, practical and appropriate for outdoor conditions.

Recommended Forest School Clothing:

- Long-sleeved top
- Long trousers or jogging bottoms
- Waterproof coat

- Waterproof trousers (recommended)
- Wellington boots or sturdy footwear
- Warm layers during colder weather

Arms and legs should be covered to help protect against scratches, insects and plants. Jewellery should not be worn and long hair should be tied back. Parents will be informed in advance when Forest School sessions take place.

9. Swimming

Swimming forms part of the Physical Education curriculum. Pupils attending swimming lessons should bring:

- A swimming costume or swimming trunks/shorts
- A towel
- A named bag for wet clothing

Additional Requirements

- Long hair should be tied back
- Jewellery must be removed before entering the pool

Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. If earrings cannot be removed, pupils may be unable to participate in swimming activities. Parents will be informed of swimming sessions in advance.

10. Jewellery

For safety reasons, jewellery should be kept to a minimum.

Permitted jewellery includes:

- A single pair of small stud earrings
- One signet ring
- A watch

Smart watches or watches with communication, recording, or internet capability are not permitted in school. Jewellery must be removed for PE, swimming and sporting activities for health and safety reasons. Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings, and plasters may not be worn over them.

Parents wishing to have their child's ears pierced are advised to do so at the start of the summer holidays to allow sufficient time for healing before PE lessons resume.

11. Hair and Hairstyles

Hair should be clean, tidy and appropriate for school.

The following are not permitted:

- extreme hairstyles (e.g. mohicans)
- shaved patterns or decorative lines
- bright or artificial hair colours

Styling products should be kept to a minimum.

Hair Accessories

Hair bands, ribbons and bows should be:

- plain
- small
- in school colours where possible

Large decorative accessories should not be worn.

12. Make-Up and Nails

To maintain a smart and appropriate school environment:

- Make-up should not be worn

- False eyelashes are not permitted
- Nail varnish should not be worn
- False or acrylic nails are not permitted

13. Uniform Expectations

Pupils are expected to arrive at school clean, tidy and dressed appropriately. Uniform should be worn correctly throughout the school day, including:

- shirts and polo shirts tucked in
- appropriate footwear

If a pupil arrives wearing incorrect uniform, parents may be contacted where concerns arise.

14. Lost Property

Lost property is located just off the key stage 2 playground at the entrance by the ramp.

Parents should speak with the class teacher if their child has lost an item. To ensure lost property is kept to a minimum, all clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name and class.

15. Equality and Inclusion

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities.

Requests for adjustments to the uniform policy for religious, cultural or medical reasons will be considered sympathetically. Parents should contact the Head of School in the first instance, and where appropriate the governing body.

16. Roles and Responsibilities

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring the uniform policy:

- complies with legislation
- reflects the needs of the school community
- remains affordable

Executive Headteacher/Head of School

The Head of School is responsible for:

- implementing the policy
- ensuring expectations are applied fairly
- addressing any concerns raised by parents

Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- monitoring adherence to the uniform policy
- addressing concerns appropriately
- supporting pupils and families where difficulties arise

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to:

- ensure their child attends school wearing the correct uniform
- clearly label all clothing
- raise concerns through the appropriate school procedures

17. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body **every two years**, or sooner if changes to legislation or government guidance occur.

Appendix A – Uniform Checklist for Parents

In line with the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021, the school ensures that:

- uniform requirements are reasonable
- branded items are kept to a minimum
- uniform items are widely available from multiple retailers
- second-hand uniform is available.

The school will review its uniform policy regularly to ensure continued affordability for families.

Everyday Uniform (Reception to Y6)

Winter uniform: September – February half term

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (recommended branded item but optional)
- School white polo shirt (recommended branded item but optional)
- Black/charcoal grey trousers – smart school trousers (children in nursery are able to wear black or charcoal grey joggers)
- Black/charcoal grey school skirt
- Grey or black socks
- Black school shoes - no trainers, open-toed shoes or large 'Doc Martin' style boots. If children wear boots during the winter months, then they must be plain, flat, black leather no taller than mid-calf height
- Water bottle

Summer uniform: February half term – the end of the school year

- Black/charcoal grey short – smart school shorts
- Blue gingham pinafore dress

PE Kit

- Plain white T-shirt
- Navy blue or black tracksuit – only small sports logo permitted
- Navy blue or black shorts (February half-term to the end of the school year)
- Trainers or school plimsolls

Forest School

- Long trousers
- Long-sleeved top
- Waterproof coat
- Wellington boots
- Warm layers

Swimming

- Swimming costume or trunks
- Towel
- Bag for wet clothing

