



School Uniform Policy

Background

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Most schools in England have a school uniform or dress code, and other rules on appearance. The DfE strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. Above all, many schools believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

- Promote an atmosphere that encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school's concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates.
- The Governing body at Hook Norton Primary school will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions, medical or special need.
- Any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head Teacher and the Governing Body.
- We also believe that school uniform avoids the loss of self-esteem should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment.

Uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we expect all pupils, from Foundation Stage to Year 6, to wear school uniform which consists of;

- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan, jumper, preferably with the school logo
- Black or grey school trousers (KS1/FS may wear joggers). No jeans or leggings please
- White or navy polo shirt, shirt or blouse
- Navy, grey or black tights
- Navy, grey or black pinafore dress
- Navy, grey or black skirt
- *Flat, sensible, safe shoes, in plain black, brown or navy*

Summer Options

- Plain 'school style' Navy, Grey or Black shorts
- Gingham dresses – pale blue/white

PE Kit

- Red, yellow, blue or green T-shirt (according to house team) with school logo
- Plain navy, sports shorts

- Trainers for outdoor games
 - Navy plain track suit bottoms/joggers
 - Navy, plain jumper/hoodie, school logo jumper or school logo tracksuit top
- From Y3: plain swimming costume (not bikini) / slim fitting swimming trunks (not baggy shorts)

Jewellery

- As a matter of safety we request that children do not wear jewellery to school.
- The school follows the LA guidelines: jewellery should not be worn for PE and practical activities, including swimming. At other times, only small studs, (no sleepers) and a watch may be worn (no smart watches). These will need to be taken out by the child for all PE activities, including swimming.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

- Bags to carry equipment and belongings in should be of a reasonable size as space in the cloakrooms is limited.

Value for money

All the items above, apart from items personalised with the school logo, are readily available from the high street. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. However, we do keep a small selection of pre-owned uniform in cases of financial hardship –please ask at the office where your request will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

For your convenience, we also offer a school uniform service through the school website, where you can order items with the school logo: (You can also order name tags through this service.) This provides a range of high quality clothing and accessories, some items with the school logo, which can be sent to your home address or school for collection.

Hair

We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy - long hair should be tied back, particularly during Physical Education lessons for safety.

Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body

- The Head teacher ensures that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Head Teacher will champion the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty to maintain day to day discipline in the school.
- The Governing body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers, concerning uniform handling it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- The school will follow the DfE guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes following the schools complaints procedure.
- Name all belongings

Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. Hook Norton Primary school is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to achieve their full potential. We can support children from disadvantaged families by providing school uniform through the pupil premium funding.

Review

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years, or sooner if necessary.

Signed Joe Williams, Chair of Governing Body

