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# School Uniform

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This policy has been written with regard to the guidance 'Working together to safeguard children', 'Keeping children safe in education' and the 'Special Education Needs Code of Practice', which places Special Education Needs and Disabilities together and abbreviated to SEND. A copy can be seen in the Headteacher's Office.

The overall objective of the school's Equality Policy, in line with the Equality Act 2010, is to provide a framework for the school to pursue its equality duties to eliminate unlawful discrimination and harassment, promote equality of opportunity, and promote good relations and positive attitudes between people of diverse backgrounds in all its activities.

<b>Title</b>	School Uniform
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<b>Appendices</b>	None
<b>Supply / distribution</b>	Available as a hardcopy in the school office.
<b>Other relevant approved documents</b>	Behaviour policy Equality information and objectives statement Anti-bullying policy Complaints policy
<b>Authorised by</b>	Headteacher and Governors

## **Aims**

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

## **Limiting the cost of school uniform**

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform. At Fynamore Primary School, we encourage the wearing of sensible, comfortable school clothes. Most parents appreciate that school uniform liberates them from early morning arguments about what to wear to school. We consider that clothes appropriate to learning, not leisure, help to create a good attitude to school work.

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Supports positive behaviour
- Creates a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the School
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for School and good value for money by most parents

## **Main School Uniform Requirements:**

Our uniform is based around a colour scheme of purple and grey

- Plain purple or white polo shirt
- Plain white school blouse or shirt
- Purple jumper or cardigan with or without school logo
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or tunic/pinafore (school wear/smart). Jeans or jeggings are not acceptable alternatives to trousers
- Grey, black or white socks or tights
- Optional purple and white checked dress in summer
- Black school shoes must be suitable for school. Children must be able to fasten their own shoes — Velcro is a wonderful invention! Trainers are not appropriate footwear other than for PE days. No shoes with flashing lights or hidden toys please!
- Children may wear boots during winter, as long as they are smart, plain, black boots (no uggs, chains, coloured lacings, decorations or visible fur).

- Children may wear flat black, white, brown, or navy closed toe and heel sandals in the summer.
- Purple fleece with school logo (optional)
- Purple cap with school logo (optional)
- Purple reversible jacket with school logo (optional)
- Purple book bag with school logo (optional)

## **PE Kit**

Children are expected to come into school in PE kit on PE days – teachers will communicate which days these are each term. For safety and hygiene reasons, children will not be able to participate in PE sessions without the correct kit.

Long hair should be tied back for all physical activities. Studs in pierced ears must be removed by the children before PE lessons. Alternatively, the studs may be covered with pieces of medical tape. This must be provided by the children and checked by the teacher before the child is allowed to take part in PE lessons.

## **Indoor PE Kit**

This consists of a plain T-shirt in house colours, black shorts, grey, white or black socks with plain black or white trainers or black plimsolls/daps (elasticated daps or Velcro trainers are advised for key stage 1). No designer or brightly coloured trainers please. Plain white T-shirts can be worn until Christmas 2025.

## **Outdoor PE Kit**

The indoor PE kit may be worn outside with appropriate footwear. Children should bring additional warm clothing for cold weather during the autumn and spring terms. This may be black jogging bottoms or leggings, together with a purple logo hoodie (optional – available from Earth Uniform only), school jumper or cardigan or plain black hoodie or fleece. Children may be expected to use the field in cold and/or wet conditions. A change of footwear, socks and clothing is suggested.

## **Ordering Branded Uniform**

School uniform can be purchased from the following:

[Scholars](#) in Chippenham

[Marks and Spencer](#) online – available until October 2025 when M&S will end their embroidery service.

[Earth Uniform](#) online

## **Swimming (if applicable)**

One piece swimming costume, swimming shorts or trunks. Swimming hats may be required and long hair must be tied back. Goggles may be worn with parental consent. Usual PE rules apply with regards to jewellery and watches.

## **Jewellery**

The wearing of jewellery by children is not permitted (except for a medical alert bracelet etc), although some parents may wish their children to keep small, flat, silver or gold coloured studs in pierced ears during the school day. For safety reasons these should be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons. If watches, fitbits etc are worn there must be no access to mobile phones and the camera facility must be disabled. For safety reasons watches, fitbits etc must be removed for PE. If your child brings a watch or any other item of jewellery to school, they do so at their own risk. The school cannot take responsibility for the loss of any valuables brought into school.

## **Hair and hair accessories**

While we are happy for children to express their individuality, we have high standards and some hairstyles may be inappropriate for school. We would like parents to ensure their child's hair accessories are mainly functional and that excessively large or decorative fashion items (e.g. large bows, dyed hair, extensions) are kept for non-uniform days or holidays.

## **Cosmetics**

Children must not wear makeup to school, unless this is a part of a charity event or drama activity and with the teacher's permission. Children must not wear nail polish to school. Parents must ensure that nail polish is removed after weekends and holidays before the child returns to school.

## **Other**

- transfers (temporary tattoos) are **NOT** acceptable at any time in school.

## **Second Hand Uniform – FoFSHOP**

There are regular second-hand uniform sales. Donations of unwanted, good quality uniform are always welcomed at the School Office. All monies raised go to Friends of Fynamore School Association.

## **Lost Property**

Please ensure ALL of your child's belongings are clearly named so that if they are lost they can be returned to your child.

## **Parents and carers**

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they wish to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome

### **Changes to the school logo**

The school recognises that any change in uniform requirements can be costly. Uniform with the new school logo will be available from our suppliers during the summer term. For the academic years 23/24 and 24/25, uniform with both the old and new logos may be worn. From September 2025 we would expect all children to be wearing uniform with our new school logo.

### **Staff**

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

### **Governors**

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts.

### **Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed annually until July 2025 and then biannually.

### **Links to other policies**

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy