



Uniform Policy

Ashbourne Hilltop Primary and Nursery
School

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1. Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. A School Uniform can bring a school community together and demonstrate pupils' clear sense of identity and pride in themselves and their school.

Some of the uniform will be available from an online shop, whilst the majority is easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. We have provided links in this document to examples from Sainsburys. This is because of the close proximity of a Sainsburys store to the school. Families should feel free to purchase the appropriate uniform from any outlet they wish.

2. Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- remove the pressure of clothing choice from families and support the morning routine
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- is considered good value for money by most parents

3. Jewellery, Watches, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings from pupils.

Wrist watches may be worn but only for the purpose of telling the time. 'Smart' watches linked to mobilephones or with camera features are not permitted due to safeguarding reasons.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either red, black or white in colour. Hairbands should not have large flowers or bows attached.

Make up should not be worn to school and we ask that nail varnish should be subtle in appearance.

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.

4. PE and after-school clubs

Your child's class teacher will inform families at the start of the year about which days they will be doing PE. On these days the children should attend school wearing their appropriate PE kit. A full list can be found in section 7.

When attending after-school clubs, the children should wear their school uniform or PE kit for the day and bring an appropriate sports kit to change into for the after school club. If the after-school sports activity is on the same day as PE, then the children are welcome to attend the after-school club in their PE kit.

5. The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff or family resource worker to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new shop to wear for that day.

Parents will be contacted via letter to broach the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds or SEND sensory needs, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the head teacher.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name so that it can be easily identified if lost. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

If your child is pupil premium, the school will endeavour to support you with purchasing school uniform if required. Please speak with reception staff in the first instance or contact the head teacher.

6. The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher 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 ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

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

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

7. School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of red and grey. Most items can be bought from highstreet shops/supermarkets. Items marked with a * below, most of which have the embroidered school logo, will be available for purchased via an online retailer and delivered to anywhere in the UK.

We have provided links in this document to examples from Sainsburys. This is because of the close proximity of a Sainsburys store to the school. Families should feel free to purchase the appropriate uniform from any outlet they wish.

All children (Reception - Year 6) should choose from:

- [Red sweatshirt*](#), [cardigan*](#) or hoodie*
- [plain white polo shirt*](#)
- [plain grey trousers](#), [shorts](#), [skirt](#) or [pinafore](#)
- [red gingham dress](#)
- grey or white socks/tights
- shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. If trainers are worn these should be plain without logos, which can include flat ankle- supported sandals (no Crocs or flip-flops). Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently.

For PE all children (Reception - Year 6) should have:

- [white crew neck t-shirt*](#)
- [navy PE shorts](#) or [navy track-suit bottoms](#)
- white socks
- black trainers - Velcro fastenings are appropriate for children who are struggling with laces

*Items marked with a * above, which have the embroidered school logo, will soon be available to purchased from an online retailer.*

All PE kits should be free from any logo or brand name, other than that of the school. For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed. Additionally, long hair must be tied back.

A range of other items with the school logo on will soon be available through our online retail partner, including hats, coats, bags, bottles etc.

8. Book Bags, Water Bottles and Pencil cases etc.

Bags:

- Nursery - Year 3: Children should bring a book bag containing their reading book, reading record and a fruit snack if they wish. They should not bring a rucksack to school as we do not have space to store these in our classrooms.

- Year 4 - Year 6: Children should bring a book bag or small rucksack containing their reading book, reading record and a fruit snack if they wish.

All children may bring a very small rucksack, preferably a drawstring bag, with their sports kit in on the days they are attending an afterschool club.

Those children choosing to have their own packed lunch may bring these in a sensible lunch box.

All children should bring a water bottle with water in. They will have access to this through the day and it can be refilled in school.

Children in Years 4 - 6 are welcome to bring a pencil case to keep themselves organised. Any pencil cases used in school should be simple, small and easily fit into the children's drawers.

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