



Uniform Policy

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1. History of Policy Changes

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3. Introduction

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
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform and further linked guidance on [expectations](#).

4. Our School's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, disability, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)

- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their gender
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Miss Budden, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

5. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniform is affordable.

In considering cost, schools will need to think about the total cost of school uniforms, taking into account all items of uniform or clothing parents will need to provide while their child is at the school.

Schools should keep the use of branded items to a minimum and can now only mandate up to three branded items. This change is designed to lower the cost of uniforms for families.

A school's uniform policy should be published on the school's website, be available for all parents, including parents of prospective pupils, and be easily understood.

Schools should ensure that their uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment).

Single supplier contracts should be avoided unless regular tendering competitions are run where more than one supplier can compete for the contract and where the best value for money is secured.

This contract should be retendered at least every 5 years.

Schools should ensure that second-hand uniforms are available for parents to acquire. Information on second-hand uniforms should be clear for parents of current and prospective pupils and published on the school's website.

Schools should engage with parents and pupils when they are developing their school uniform policy. At Springdale First School, uniform is worn throughout the school as we believe it encourages a sense of belonging and identity.

6. Uniform at our School

Our aim is that uniform is inclusive and low cost. It consists of the following items

Either

- Royal blue pinafore dress
- Royal blue skirt



with

- White polo neck, polo shirt or white blouse
- Royal blue cardigan, sweater or school sweatshirt
- White socks, white or royal blue tights.
- Royal blue and white checked or striped dress with FRONT opening for summer wear.

or

- Grey trousers/shorts
- White polo neck, polo shirt or white shirt/blouse
- Royal blue cardigan, sweater or school sweatshirt
- Grey socks

Children may choose from one of the above sections. Fashion clothes and shoes are discouraged.

Summer wear

- Open toes sandals are NOT suitable for school as they offer no protection for toes and increase the risk of tripping. Lightweight shoes or closed in sandals are much safer. Socks must be worn throughout the year.
- Sun hats are essential for outdoor PE and for break times.
- Sun cream should be applied at home – NO sun cream should be sent into school.
- Sunglasses may only be worn if there is a genuine medical reason in which case, please write to the Headteacher.

During hot weather children should bring a bottle of water every day.

Foundation Stage

A named spare pair of pants and socks in a carrier bag.

During the winter months all children should wear a coat.

7. Pre-loved uniform

We ask all parents to donate any uniform that is still in good condition but is no longer used. Sales of second-hand uniform are held throughout the year and items are available from the Friends of Springdale (PTA) by contacting the office or friendsofspringdalepta@gmail.com.

8. PE Kits

All children are required to have a PE uniform which consists of

- PE Kit in a shoe bag
- Royal blue shorts
- Blue school PE T-shirt
- Velcro trainers
- Tracksuit - Black or Navy Blue plain, no logos (not needed in Foundation Stage)
- Hair-band to tie back long hair



Forest School

When it is your child's Forest School Day, your child **must** wear the following clothes;

- A **navy blue, black or white** long sleeved top. This protects the children from insect bites and scratches.
- **Navy blue or black** Jogging bottoms / full length trousers or leggings. **NO JEANS.** This protects the children from insect bites and scratches.
- Please can children bring their wellies to change into. Children can come to school in their normal school shoes and then change into their wellies for the session.
- Please bring a waterproof coat.
- EVERYTHING, including wellies, must be named.

9. General Appearance

Pupils should wear clean uniform and have long hair tied back or braided. Shoes should be all black including the soles and in good condition so that pupils are safe and comfortable. Children should not wear jewellery to school, the only exception is small, plain stud earrings which children will need to be able to remove for P.E.

10. Religions and Beliefs

Some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular dress code or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief. This could include wearing or carrying specific religious artefacts, not cutting their hair, dressing modestly, or covering their head. Pupils have the right to manifest a religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times, places or in a particular manner. If our school has good reason for restricting an individual's freedoms, for example, the promotion of cohesion and good order in the school, or genuine health and safety or security considerations, the restriction of an individual's rights to manifest their religion or belief may be justified.

The school will be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and act reasonably in accommodating these needs, without compromising important school policies, such as school safety or discipline. It should be possible for most religious requirements to be met within a school uniform policy and the local governing board will act reasonably through consultation and dialogue in accommodating these.

11. Engagement with parents/carers

The school will engage with parents and pupils when developing their uniform policy to ensure that it is suitable for their school community, recognising that the school community may change over time. 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 dealt with in accordance with the school's complaints policy. The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

12. Discrimination

Even when a policy has been agreed, school staff will be able to allow for some individual variations to their uniform policy, where necessary to avoid indirect discrimination. For instance, reasonable adjustments will be made, as appropriate, for pupils with a disability. We aim to make our school uniform as inclusive as possible so if parents have any requests or concerns then please contact the school.



13. Other things to think about

Money - Young children are experts at losing money, so please ensure that all money sent to school is in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the name of the child, the class and the purpose for which it is intended.

Pens and pencils - Pencils, pens etc are provided for the children's use - pencil cases are not needed, with the exception of Y3 and Y4 who provide their own stationery.

Jewellery - For safety reasons, only stud earrings may be worn by children with pierced ears. No other jewellery should be worn at school. Jewellery must not be worn in PE. Spectacles can be worn during PE with written parental consent.

Nail varnish - Nail varnish is not to be worn in school.

School Bags - Large backpacks are a safety hazard in our limited cloakroom areas. Please bear this in mind if your child needs to bring a bag to school. Lightweight rucksacks are recommended.

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name to avoid them being lost. Named lost property will be returned to your child or to their classroom for it to be reunited with its owner. Unmarked items will be taken to the office. Items still remaining at the end of each term will be disposed of.

14. 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.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by Miss Budden in line with our behaviour policy.

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.

15. Governors

The governing body will review this policy to ensure it is appropriate for the school context, is implemented fairly across the school and is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils.

16. Associated Policies

This policy links to:

Complaints policy

Behaviour policy

Equality information and objectives

