



School Uniform Policy

1. Policy Statement

At **Dishforth Airfield Primary School**, we believe that a school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, pride, equality, and community. Wearing a consistent uniform helps create an inclusive environment where children are valued for who they are rather than what they wear.

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Department for Education's guidance on school uniforms and is designed to ensure that our uniform is practical, affordable, inclusive, and suitable for all pupils.

2. Aims

The aims of this policy are to:

- Promote a strong sense of identity and belonging.
- Encourage high standards and readiness to learn.
- Reduce peer pressure and competition regarding clothing.
- Ensure clothing is safe, practical and appropriate for school activities.
- Support equality by making the uniform affordable and accessible.
- Respect pupils' religious beliefs, cultural practices and protected characteristics.
- Minimise unnecessary branded items to reduce costs for families.

3. School Uniform Requirements

Everyday Uniform

All pupils should wear:

- School sweatshirt or cardigan in the school colour (logo optional where appropriate).
- White polo shirt or white shirt/blouse.
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress.
- Blue and white checked gingham dress or red and white (summer term optional).
- Plain grey, black or white socks or plain grey or black tights.
- Plain black shoes suitable for school.

Outdoor Clothing

- Waterproof coat appropriate for the weather.
- Hat, gloves and scarf during colder weather.
- Sun hat during warmer months is recommended.

4. Physical Education (PE) Kit

All pupils should have:

- Plain white T-shirt.
- Plain black or navy shorts.
- Plain black or navy jogging bottoms or leggings for outdoor PE.
- Plain black or navy sweatshirt or hoodie for outdoor activities where permitted.
- Trainers suitable for physical activity.

Long hair should be tied back during PE. Jewellery must be removed.

5. Footwear

Footwear should:

- Be plain black.
- Be practical and safe.
- Fasten securely where possible.

The following are not suitable:

- High heels.
- Platform shoes.
- Flip-flops.
- Fashion boots worn indoors.

6. Jewellery and Personal Appearance

To ensure safety:

- Pupils should not wear jewellery to school except:
 - A wristwatch.
 - One small pair of plain stud earrings for children with pierced ears.
- Earrings should be removed before PE where appropriate.
- Makeup, nail varnish, false nails and temporary tattoos should not be worn.
- Extreme hairstyles or colours are not permitted.
- Long hair should be tied back where necessary for safety.

7. Religious and Cultural Dress

The school welcomes and respects religious and cultural dress requirements.

Reasonable adjustments will be made to accommodate items such as:

- Hijabs.
- Turbans.
- Patkas.

- Headscarves.
- Religious jewellery where appropriate and safe.

Any adaptations should be discussed with the Headteacher to ensure they remain safe and suitable for school activities.

8. Affordability

The governing body recognises its duty to ensure that uniform costs are reasonable.

To support affordability, the school will:

- Keep compulsory branded items to a minimum.
- Allow supermarket alternatives wherever possible.
- Operate or support a second-hand uniform scheme.
- Review uniform costs regularly.
- Consider financial hardship on a case-by-case basis.

Parents and carers experiencing difficulty obtaining uniform are encouraged to contact the school in confidence.

9. Equality

This policy has been developed with due regard to the Equality Act 2010.

The school will make reasonable adjustments for pupils with:

- Disabilities.
- Medical needs.
- Sensory needs.
- Religious or cultural requirements.
- Other protected characteristics.

No pupil will be treated less favourably because adjustments are required.

10. Responsibilities

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Ensure their child attends school in the correct uniform.
- Clearly label all clothing and footwear.
- Replace lost or damaged items as reasonably practicable.

Pupils

Pupils are expected to:

- Wear their uniform with pride.
- Keep clothing clean and tidy.
- Take responsibility for their belongings.

School Staff

Staff will:

- Apply the policy consistently and fairly.
- Take a supportive approach where families experience difficulties.
- Work with parents to resolve concerns sensitively.

11. Non-Compliance

Where a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform, staff will seek to understand the reason before taking any action.

The school recognises that there may be genuine reasons why a pupil is unable to wear the correct uniform, including financial hardship, medical needs, or unforeseen circumstances.

Supportive measures may include:

- Loaning uniform where available.
- Discussing concerns with parents or carers.
- Agreeing temporary adjustments where appropriate.

Pupils will not normally be excluded from school or sent home solely for breaches of this uniform policy, except where health and safety considerations make this necessary.

12. Monitoring and Review

The Headteacher is responsible for implementing this policy.

The governing body will review the policy every three years, or sooner if legislation or Department for Education guidance changes.

Policy Information

Policy Owner: Headteacher

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This draft reflects the principles of current guidance for maintained schools in England, including affordability, equality, and a supportive approach to compliance. You can tailor it further by adding your school's specific colours, logo requirements, and review schedule.