



# School Uniform Policy

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## **Introduction**

It is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging to our school. We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children, regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance.

We also believe it is important for children to wear clothing that is conducive to a successful learning environment, including activity-appropriate clothing, such as outdoor clothing for Forest School and sportswear for PE & school sports.

Sparkwell Primary School is committed to promoting equality and value for money and to ensuring that no child is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background. This policy contains provisions to meet these objectives and has been created with health and safety, value for money and practicality at its heart. The school endeavours to ensure that our uniform is as gender neutral and inclusive as possible. We are also aware that some of our pupils have sensory needs and although we will always encourage the correct uniform we do make exceptions if this has been discussed with the headteacher.

We do not insist that children must wear gender specific items of clothing.

## **Cost and Availability**

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, the Trustees of Sparkwell Primary School ensure that the School Uniform Policy does not discourage parents/carers from applying for a place for their child.

The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money.

Every care is taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

The school works with multiple suppliers to obtain the best value for money possible. Any savings negotiated are passed to parents where possible.

The school does not enter into exclusive single supplier contracts or cash-back arrangements.

The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes the views of

parents/carers and pupils into account when considering changes to school uniforms. We keep a stock of 2nd hand uniform and this is available on request at a low price.

Where changes are required, the school ensures that assistance is provided to parents/carers struggling to meet the associated costs.

### **Our Uniform**

The school endeavours to ensure that our uniform is as gender neutral as possible.

The required uniform is as follows:

Red sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without the school logo)

White or red polo shirt

Grey trousers or school shorts (navy joggers can be worn in Reception if preferred)

Grey skirt or pinafore (in summer, a red and white checked summer dress or shorts may be worn)

Black, sensible shoes (these can be trainer style with no logo)

Grey, black, red or white socks

Grey, red or black tights

Red book bag (with or without the school logo)

Trainers with logos, open-toed sandals and large, thick boots are not considered suitable footwear for school. Heels are not permitted.

All items of clothing and footwear should be labelled with the pupil's name.

### **PE Kit**

Children are asked to have their PE kit in a bag in school.

The PE kit is as follows:

Plain white or red T-shirt (with or without the school logo)

School sweatshirt or an optional plain hoodie/sweatshirt (preferable navy, black or grey)

Optional black, navy or grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings during colder weather (a small

logo is acceptable)

Black shorts (in summer)

Plain, suitable trainers or black plimsolls

### **Forest School Clothing**

Children are asked to come into school on the day of their Forest School session wearing their Forest School clothing. Parents/carers will be informed of their children's Forest School days via newsletter, our website and/or via text reminders. Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that their child is dressed appropriately for Forest School, although we reserve the right to change a child into suitable clothing if they are not prepared so they do not miss their session.

Forest School clothing is as follows:

Waterproof coat with a hood (or warm and waterproof jacket in warmer weather)

Waterproof trousers or an all-in-one

Comfortable tracksuit bottoms or outdoor trousers (not shorts and no jeans as they do not dry quickly). Leggings are OK but are too thin for the colder weather.

Long-sleeved top (to protect from bites & stings)

Wellington boots or old trainers

Scarf, hat and gloves (in colder weather)

### **Jewellery**

The only permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

One pair of stud earrings (no other piercings are permitted)

A sensible wristwatch (not a smartwatch)

Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded.

All jewellery must be removed during practical lessons for safety reasons, for example, PE lessons / swimming lessons. If children cannot remove their own earrings, then this should

be done at home on the day of PE or they may be asked to cover them with tape.

### **Hair Styles**

Hairstyles should be smart and moderate in style. Brightly coloured hair is not permitted.

Pupils with what could be deemed extreme hairstyles may be exempt from the rule above on racial or religious grounds. The Head Teacher will take each individual pupil's scenario into consideration.

Long hair should be tied up. This is to avoid health and safety risks and ensure that children's vision is not impeded.

Large, excessive hair accessories should not be worn; however, small hair clips or plain headbands are acceptable.

Hair extensions are not permitted.

### **Make-Up**

False nails and nail extensions are not permitted.

Only clear nail varnish may be worn.

Children are not allowed to wear make-up.

Any complaints must be made in accordance with the complaints policy, but in the first instance please discuss with the headteacher.

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