

School Uniform Policy – Chesterfield Primary School

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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
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

Our Trust's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment. To avoid discrimination, our schools 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 sex, gender or gender reassignment
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with the Headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our schools have a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to 'shop around' for a low price. To help keep costs down, unbranded items like trousers, shorts, skirts, red summer dresses, red jumpers, black jumpers, black tracksuit bottoms and shorts and white t-shirts can be bought from several local supermarkets, including Asda, Tesco and Sainsbury's.

There are second-hand items of uniform available from the school. Please contact the office on 01992 760678 or email office@chesterfieldprimary.org for more information. All requests will be handled discreetly and sensitively.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for families

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items, such as jumpers

- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for families to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on families of any changes
- Consulting with families and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

Expectations for school uniform

Our school's uniform

All Year Round

- Red school sweat shirt or cardigan with Chesterfield school logo*
- Grey or black trousers or skirt
- White collared t-shirt with Chesterfield logo*
- Black shoes or plain black trainers (with Velcro fastening until children can tie their laces please)
- Plain coloured hijab
- Warm, waterproof coat

For Summer

- Red and white check or stripe summer dress
- Black or grey knee length short trousers

For PE—Active Uniform

We wear our PE kit to school on PE days

- Chesterfield branded red school jumper or cardigan*
- Black shorts or black footless leggings and white t-shirts (long or short sleeved)
- Black trainers (with Velcro fastening)
- Blue or black plain track or jogging suit bottoms

Hair

For health and safety and practical reasons, long hair should always be tied back during the school day using simple ties bands or clips.

Jewellery

To maintain a safe learning environment, jewellery is restricted to the following items only:

Earrings: One pair of small, plain studs (no hoops or dangling styles).

Watches: Standard analogue or simple digital wristwatches only. Smartwatches, fitness trackers with messaging capabilities, and camera-enabled devices are strictly prohibited.

Religious Items: Faith-based items may be worn; where possible, these should be discreet

Earrings and watches must be removed by the pupil before taking part in physical activities. If ears have been pierced recently (within 6 weeks), earrings must be fully taped over by the pupil prior to the lesson. Staff are not permitted to tape or remove earrings for pupils.

Sun Hats and Water Bottles

Please ensure that every day, and especially on hot sunny days, you send your child in with a named sunhat and a separate named water bottle as well as the drink in their lunchbox.

School Bag

Red Chesterfield or unbranded book bag or backpack*



*Plain, unbranded items are acceptable (see above)

Where to purchase uniform

Our school uniform is available to purchase at Lyons School Shop, 242 Hertford Road, Enfield. Parents can order via the Lyons website:

www.uniform4kids.com

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Expectations for our school community

Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)
- Pupils are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

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/carers are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform
- Parents/carers 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/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

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.



Trust Board

The Trust Board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the Trust
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Trust Board.

Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

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

