



Hook Infant School

School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside of normal school hours unless it has been specifically confirmed by the school that school uniform is not required (e.g., a non-uniform day or a school visit for which non-uniform would be more appropriate for the activity).

Supported by the Department for Education guidance, our policy is based on the belief that school uniform:

- creates a common identity amongst all pupils, regardless of background
- acts as a social leveller
- can reduce peer pressure to wear the latest fashions or other expensive clothes
- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- is designed with health and safety in mind

Some uniform with the school logo can be bought from Arbor online, whilst other generic uniform is easily available from high street shops and supermarkets at competitive prices. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for PE are provided in Appendix 1.

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

Roles and responsibilities

Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher 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 hardwearing, safe and practical.

Staff

The staff should support the leadership team in maintaining the high standards of uniform. Where children are not wearing the required uniform, staff should make discreet enquiries.

Parents/carers

Parents/carers are expected to support this school uniform policy. Parents/ carers are responsible for supporting their child arriving at school dressed in the correct school uniform and PE kit, that it is clean, in good repair and labelled with their child's name.

If a parent/carer experiences difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues, where we will do our best to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing may be loaned an appropriate item from our second-hand uniform stock to wear for that day. Parents/carers may be contacted to discuss the matter if incorrect uniform becomes a concern.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. All such requests, should in the first instance, be directed to the Headteacher or a member of the senior leadership team.

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the specified school uniform, for example on medical grounds. Such requests should be directed to the Headteacher or a member of the senior leadership team.

PE Uniform

On days when the children have a PE lesson or an in-school sports event, they will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit. All children are to wear a white t-shirt with school logo and plain navy knee length shorts. Children should wear either their normal school jumper or a navy hoodie over the top of their PE t-shirt.

For outdoor PE or during colder months they are also permitted to wear plain navy jogging bottoms or leggings over the top.

For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear loose fitting clothing such as jogging bottoms when using the indoor PE equipment.

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has 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.

We will make sure our uniform:

- is available at a reasonable cost
- provides the best value for money for parents/carers

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

- 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
- making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire second-hand uniform items
- consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

Appearance and Compliance

We believe that school uniform plays a key role in promoting the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone for education. The following guidance is provided in support of this.

Jewellery

On the grounds of health and safety, pupils should not wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears and specific religious artefacts. For health and safety reasons, pupils should remove these items during indoor and outdoor PE lessons. Medical identification bracelets may be worn.

Small wrist watches may be worn. Wearable smart devices are not to be worn, e.g., Fitbit or other smart watches. Please see our Mobile Phone Policy for further information.

Hair

On the grounds of health and safety, long hair should be tied up neatly.

Fashion

School uniform should be smart, practical and comfortable. Fashion styles, not in keeping with this guidance, should be avoided. This includes the appropriate length of a garment, which is suggested as knee length.

Footwear

Children should be wearing sturdy weatherproof plain black shoes. Footwear such as boots, open shoes/sandals, flimsy ballet pumps are not suitable for school. If necessary, children are permitted to wear black trainers but these must be completely plain black with no coloured motifs or soles.

Appendix 1 School Uniform List

Some of our generic uniform can be bought from high street shops or supermarkets, whereas items with the school logo are sold through the school and can be ordered via the Arbor App

Uniform item		Supplier	Requirement
	Book bag	School (order via Arbor) or School's second-hand uniform shop	Required
	Sun Hat	School (order via Arbor) or School's second-hand uniform shop	Optional
	Sweatshirt with HIS logo*	School (order via Arbor) or School's second-hand uniform shop	Required
	Cardigan with HIS logo*	School (order via Arbor) or School's second-hand uniform shop	Required
	White polo shirt HIS logo	School (order via Arbor) or School's second-hand uniform shop	Optional
White polo t-shirt		Any shop	Required
Smart grey trousers (not leggings), skirt or pinafore dress		Any shop	Required
blue and white check/ gingham dress		Any shop	Optional
Grey shorts or skort		Any shop	Optional
White or grey socks or grey or black tights		Any shop	Required
Plain black shoes		Any shop	Required

*School sweatshirt **or** cardigan

PE Uniform item		Supplier	Requirement
	White t-shirt with HIS logo	Arbor or Schools' second-hand uniform shop	Optional
	Navy Tracksuit Hoodie and Jogging bottoms with HIS logo	Arbor or Schools' second-hand uniform shop	Optional
	PE Bag with HIS logo	Arbor or Schools' second-hand uniform shop	Year R only
Plain navy knee length shorts		Any shop	Required
Plain navy jogging bottoms or leggings		Any shop	Optional
Trainers suitable for outdoor games		Any shop	Required