

St. Peter's Smithills Dean CE Primary School

School Uniform Policy



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Our Vision and Values

At St Peter's Smithills Dean CE Primary School, our vision Let Your Light Shine guides all that we do. Our school uniform reflects our commitment to love, trust, hope, respect and thankfulness by promoting a sense of belonging, equality and pride in our school community.

Our uniform supports children to feel included, comfortable and ready to learn, while recognising and celebrating individuality within clear, fair expectations.

1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out a clear and inclusive approach to school uniform
- Ensure uniform requirements are affordable and represent best value for parents and carers
- Promote equality and prevent discrimination in line with the Equality Act 2010
- Support a positive school identity and sense of belonging
- Clarify expectations for pupils, parents, staff and governors

2. Equality Act 2010 and Inclusion

The Equality Act 2010 protects individuals from discrimination based on protected characteristics including sex, race, religion or belief, disability and gender reassignment.

In line with this, our school will:

- Avoid gender-specific uniform requirements
- Ensure uniform costs are comparable for all pupils
- Allow flexibility in hair length and style, where appropriate for school
- Permit religious or cultural dress, including head coverings
- Make reasonable adjustments for pupils with disabilities or medical needs
- Consider requests for adaptations sensitively and respectfully

Requests for adjustments should be made to the Headteacher, who will work with families to ensure all children feel safe, valued and able to let their light shine.

3. Limiting the Cost of School Uniform

We recognise our responsibility to keep uniform costs affordable and in line with Department for Education guidance.

We will ensure that our uniform:

- Is widely available from multiple retailers
- Allows non-branded alternatives wherever possible
- Avoids unnecessary items with distinctive branding
- Acts as a social leveller for all pupils

We do this by:

- Keeping branded items optional
- Avoiding different uniform requirements across year groups or activities
- Minimising changes to uniform specifications
- Supporting access to second-hand uniform
- Consulting with parents and carers on any significant changes

Where families experience financial difficulty, the school will respond with love, respect and discretion, working in partnership to find supportive solutions.

4. School Uniform Expectations

4.1 Main School Uniform

Parents and carers may choose a combination of the following items:

- Grey trousers (short or long), skirt or pinafore
- Blue checked or striped dress (summer)

- Pale blue polo shirt or white/pale blue long- or short-sleeved shirt or blouse
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan, or grey/royal blue jumper or cardigan
- Plain white or grey socks, or grey/royal blue tights
- Branded and non-branded items may be purchased from any retailer.

Optional items: School cap and tie

4.2 PE Kit

On PE days, pupils should attend school wearing their PE kit for the whole day.

PE kit consists of:

- Blue tracksuit (branded or non-branded)
- White t-shirt
- Plain trainers
- Shorts may be worn in warmer weather.
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This approach supports wellbeing, reduces lost kit and encourages good hygiene.

4.3 Jewellery, Hair and Appearance

- Nail varnish should not be worn in school
- Jewellery is limited to one pair of stud earrings and a watch
- Earrings must be removable for PE and games
- Hair may be any length but must be tidy and tied back where necessary for learning and safety
- Hair colour should be natural in appearance

These expectations help ensure safety, equality and focus on learning.

5. Purchasing School Uniform

Branded uniform is available from:

- Harrison's (Blackburn Road)
- Whittaker's Schoolwear (Deansgate)
- Touchline Embroidery (online) – PE kit

Affordable alternatives are available from supermarkets and sports retailers.

Second-hand uniform may be available through:

- The Community Locker, King's Church Bolton, The Mill, BL2 6QE
- Occasional school or PTA-led uniform swap events

6. Roles and Responsibilities

6.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform when:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- Representing the school on trips or events

Pupils are encouraged to take pride in their appearance and understand that uniform reflects respect for themselves and others.

6.2 Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to ensure that uniform is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled
- In good condition

Parents should contact the Headteacher to discuss:

- Equality-related adjustments
- Financial concerns

Concerns or complaints should be raised promptly and will be managed in line with the school's complaints policy.

6.3 Staff

Staff will:

- Promote consistent and fair application of the policy
- Support pupils and families to meet expectations
- Respond sensitively where concerns relate to hardship or additional needs
- Persistent breaches will be addressed in line with the Behaviour Policy.

6.4 Governors

The Governing Board will ensure that the policy:

- Reflects the school's vision and values
- Is applied fairly and consistently
- Takes account of the views of families and pupils
- Prioritises affordability and value for money

7. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher and approved by the Governing Board.

8. Links to Other Policies

This policy should be read alongside:

Behaviour Policy

Equality Information and Objectives

Anti-Bullying Policy

Complaints Policy

This policy is rooted in our commitment to love, trust, hope, respect and thankfulness, ensuring that every child feels valued, included and able to shine.