

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

INTRODUCTION:

It is the policy of Abbey Primary School that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

RATIONALE:

The policy for school uniform is based on the belief that a uniform:

- sets an appropriate tone
- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- supports positive behaviour and discipline
- encourages identity with, and support for, the school ethos
- ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
- engenders a sense of community and belonging to the school
- helps pupils to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils
- supports effective teaching and learning
- is designed with health and safety in mind
- helps identify pupils, particularly when on visits outside school

UNIFORM:

Our school uniform consists of:

P1-P3	Blue polo shirt (with school logo) Grey trousers/Grey skirt or pinafore Navy sweatshirt (with school logo) Grey socks Black shoes
P4-P7	Blue blouse/ shirt Grey pinafore/ skirt/ trousers Navy cardigan or jumper School tie Grey or navy socks or tights Black shoes

All the items above, with the Abbey Logo are available to purchase from the school.

Financial assistance is available through the EANI Clothing Allowance Scheme for certain categories of pupils toward the cost of school uniforms. The eligibility criteria are the same as those used for free school meals.

PE

P1 – P3 School uniform
Plimsolls for indoor PE

Items should be kept in a named drawstring bag to hang on a peg.

P4 – P7 Blue polo shirt (with school logo)
Navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings
Navy sweatshirt/hoodie (with school logo)

P4 to P7 may wear their PE kit to school on the days they are involved in PE or after school sporting activities.

Swimming

One-piece costume (girls) / trunks (boys)
Swimming cap (desirable)
Towel

Items should be kept in a named waterproof bag.

Footwear

The school wants all pupils to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for pupils to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow them to wear such shoes in our school. Pupils are not allowed to wear trainers to school; this footwear is appropriate for sport or leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all pupils to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, pupils are permitted to wear only a watch and ear studs. The wearing of other items of jewellery is not permitted.

Hair

Hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour. Long hair should be tied back, particularly for PE.

Make up

No make up or nail polish should be worn.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS:

We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

Parents will:

- ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy
- ensure that their child/children come to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days or charity fundraising
- ensure that their child's/children's uniform is clean and in good repair

THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL:

Staff in school will:

- ensure that pupils comply with the school uniform policy
- enforce the school uniform policy throughout the school community as part of their duty to maintain day to day discipline in the school

Governors will:

- support school staff in implementing the school uniform policy fairly and with sensitivity
- ensure that the school uniform policy meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities
- consider respectfully any representations made by parents regarding the wearing of school uniform on eg religious grounds

EQUALITY:

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. Abbey Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.