



# Uniform Policy

Kidmore End CE Primary School

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### 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

### 2. Our school’s legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school 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 the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the Headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests.

### 3. 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 relating to both the cost of school uniform and number of branded items.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have 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' ability to 'shop around' for a low price. In line, with statutory guidance, we have limited these to three items.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carer

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as jumpers
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school uniform days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items (school logo) to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

## 4. Expectations for school uniform

### 4.1 Our school's uniform

<p><b>School uniform</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy skirt, pinafore dress or smart school trousers</li> <li>• Grey smart trousers or shorts</li> <li>• Red and white gingham dress/ playsuit in summer (optional)</li> <li>• Red polo shirt *</li> <li>• Navy school sweatshirt or cardigan *</li> <li>• Navy or white socks or navy tights</li> <li>• Grey or black socks</li> <li>• Black school shoes, not trainers</li> </ul>
<p><b>PE uniform</b></p> <p>To be worn to school on PE days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy shorts, leggings, gym skort or jogging bottoms</li> <li>• Red school PE shirt *</li> <li>• Navy school sweatshirt or cardigan *</li> <li>• Navy school fleece * (optional)</li> <li>• White socks</li> <li>• Trainers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other items</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School books bag or school bag * (optional)</li> <li>• Jacket/waterproof, weather dependent</li> <li>• Sun hat, weather dependent</li> <li>• Year 6 leavers' hoodies (to be worn on PE days (optional))</li> </ul>

\* Branded items

#### At all times:

- Long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons
- Hair accessories should be discreet and in navy or red
- Ear piercings limited to small studs
- No additional jewellery, unless discussed with the Headteacher
- Please ensure all items brought into school are labelled with your child's name

### 4.2 Where to purchase it

You are able to purchase branded items, such as items of the school uniform with logos, from the school.

We will hold regular second-hand uniform sales on site, so that all parents/carers have the opportunity to purchase items. These are also available on request from the school office. Other non-branded items are readily available, from most high street stores and supermarkets, in both navy and red.

## **5. Expectations for our school community**

### **5.1 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.

### **5.2 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 are also expected to contact the Headteacher, if they wish to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents 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 to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### **5.3 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.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the Headteacher and 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.

#### **5.4 Governors**

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

#### **6. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the senior leadership team. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.