

Sandhurst Primary School



School Uniform Policy November 2024

At Sandhurst Primary School we believe in excellent progress and experiences for all in a safe and caring environment.

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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 age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, 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 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 School office who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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 (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:

- Making items with distinctive logos optional
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items,

- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- Consulting with parents/carers 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

Red Jumpers or cardigans (either with School logo or from any retailer)

Grey trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores (from any retailer)

White shirt or polo shirt (from any retailer)

Black shoes or plain black trainers (from any retailer)

Stud earrings only

Reading bags for EYFS and KS1 pupils (available from School)

Rucksack for KS2 pupils (available from School or any retailer)

A white T shirt and plain dark shorts for PE (from any retailer)

Plain dark Jogging bottoms for winter outdoor PE (from any retailer).

4.2 Where to purchase it

Jumpers and bags with the School logo are available in School (but non-logo jumpers can be purchased from any high street retailer). All other uniform can be purchased from any retailer). Sandalls, our (PTA) will arrange a second-hand uniform sale on a regular basis.

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 School office 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/carers are also expected to contact the School office 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.

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. 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 body 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/carers and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils
- The body 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. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

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