






DOGSTHORPE INFANT SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

Ratified by: Standards Committee
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Review Date: Every 3 years

Welcome to our school family where children are...

-  **inspired to dream and develop the building blocks to be independent, confident and inquisitive life-long learners.**
-  **nurtured, valued and individual differences are respected in an exciting, learning community where everyone belongs.**
-  **little stars who deserve to shine.**

Policy Overview.

What is the policy for?	This policy is for parents/carers of children at Dogsthorpe Infant School setting out our approach to school uniform.
Who has devised and contributed to this policy?	This policy is based on a Trust model policy and has been developed by the Headteacher and Governors.
How will this policy be communicated?	The policy is available on the school website and My Concern. Uniform requirements are also included in our school prospectus.
How will this policy be monitored?	This policy will be monitored by SLT.
Which other policies are linked to this policy?	Equality Act 2010

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 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 to get in touch with Mrs Becky Waters, Headteacher, 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 on the cost of school uniform.

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:

- Not insisting on logoed uniform
- Keeping to a colour scheme which is widely available
- Children coming in PE kit on PE Days to reduce the amount of uniform needed
- 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

There is NO requirement to wear uniform with logos

Our school uniform is:

- Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with or without the school logo
- White polo shirt with or without the school logo
- Grey/black trousers or skirt/pinafore dress
- Grey shorts/red checked summer dress
- Logoed book bag or suitable bag/backpack or general bag for carrying sundry items and reading books.

Clothes for PE:

- Tracksuit or
- T-Shirt & jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts (in summer) & sweatshirt
- Trainers or plimsolls

Where to purchase items with the school logo

Orders can be placed through

- ChromaSport
10 Wulfric Square
Bretton
Peterborough
PE3 8RF

Tel: 01733 262526

Website: <https://www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/dogsthorpe-infant-school>

- Alternatively, most high-street retailers stock and supply the red, white, black and grey uniform at a competitive price
- In addition, the school has a donation station, whereby good quality, second hand clothes can be purchased for a donation of choice
- Peterborough City Council also run a Second Chance Uniform Shop in Queensgate (next to New Look) where you can donate/swap good quality secondhand uniform

5. Expectations for our school community

Pupils

- We ask that children wear the correct uniform on non PE Days
- We ask that children wear PE Kit on PE Days
- We ask that children do not wear ANY jewellery for school. Not only can items may be lost or broken but also cause injuries should your child fall over.
- Our Health and Safety rules state that children with pierced ears must remove their earrings for PE Lessons & PE Clubs. Staff cannot remove earrings and cannot be responsible for looking after them.

Parents and carers

We ask that parents and carers make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name

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 3 years. At every review, it will be approved by the full local governing board.