

Halifax Primary School



School Uniform Policy

Purpose	The purpose of Halifax Primary's School Uniform policy is to promote equality, a sense of belonging, and high standards while supporting safety, value for money, and providing clear expectations for pupils and families.
Audience	School Governors Staff Pupils & Parents
Related Policies	Behaviour
Policy Approved	
Future Policy Review	

At Halifax Primary School we promote an atmosphere which encourages aspiration, nurture, collaboration and curiosity. We have high expectations for all children in terms of their learning and behaviour. These high expectations are also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates.

We believe that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is good value for money;
- is designed with health and safety in mind

It is therefore our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

The school implements a gender-neutral uniform, meaning that children are not required to wear specific items based on their gender.

Our Uniform

For Every Day:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan – optional with school logo from PMG Schoolwear (not to be worn around the waist)
- Grey or Black school trousers (not leggings or cropped trousers), shorts (tailored and knee length), skirt (knee length) or pinafore dress
- White or pale blue polo shirt
- Blue gingham dress, playsuit, shorts or culottes
- White, grey or black socks
- White, grey, black or navy tights
- All black, flat, sensible footwear only – trainers, ankle boots or shoes
- Weatherproof coat

For PE:

- Black or navy shorts – sports shorts or cycling short just above the knee
- White t-shirt - optional with school logo from PMG Schoolwear
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Plain black or navy jogging bottoms and a plain black or navy jogging top.

Please note that to help families minimise the cost of uniform and ensure equality for all pupils, we will not accept branded sports items as part of the PE uniform.

For Forest School:

- Waterproof jacket and trousers (Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 provided by school)
- Long sleeved top (even in warmer weather)
- Trousers (even in warmer weather)
- Jumper
- Wellies
- Spare socks and trainers are required to wear in school
- Hat, scarf and gloves (in colder weather)
- Sun hat (in warmer weather)

For Swimming:

- Swimming suit (one piece not bikini) or close fitting swimming trunks
- Swimming cap
- Towel

Year 5 & 6 pupils are expected to bring shorts and a t-shirt for life saving.

Other requirements:

- Discreet hair bands and bows in school colours (blue, white, black, blonde or brown)
- Long hair must be tied up for PE.

We have adopted the Halo Code to embrace all Afro-hairstyles including, but not limited to afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows and weaves. Hair colour should reflect the school uniform policy.

- School book bag or back pack - these should not be too large as may need to fit inside a locker
- Spare socks and underwear (if required)
- Sun hat (in warmer weather)
- Water bottles should follow the following guidelines:
 - No branded bottles e.g. Prime bottles
 - No bottles greater than 1 Litre
 - No bottles with big holes to sip from (twisted lid bottles)
 - No exposed straw cups e.g. Stanley cups or similar for hygiene purposes and to avoid spillages.

To help with some suggestions as to what you might consider; sports caps, flip or twist lids are easy to use and do not leak.

Please NO:

- No jewellery - except for a single pair of plain gold or silver ear studs (must be removed for PE and Swimming before school)
- No extreme haircuts e.g. 'skinhead' or 'mohican' or bright hair colours
- No make up including nail varnish, temporary tattoos etc.
- No high heels or slip on shoes
- Toys should not be sent into school with children, unless as part of a prearranged strategy with their class teacher or SENCo to support additional needs.
- Fidgets, fiddle toys or chew toys should not be brought in from home unless pre-agreed with the class teacher or SENCo and should be school allocated ones.

Where to buy

- School Logo items – all uniform can be purchased in person from the PMG School Wear Shop, 40 Westgate St, Ipswich, IP1 3ED or online via www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk
- Other items - are readily available from the high street or supermarket.
- Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense.

Reasonable Adjustments

- Reasonable adjustments to our uniform policy can be agreed to support children who are, for example, oversensitive to tactile stimulus or in need of adaptations due to a specific condition or disability. These could include a different texture of material or style of garment. These adjustments should be discussed and agreed in advance and should aim to find a middle ground that is suitable and appropriate for school, and as close as possible to the uniform policy, but also supportive of the child's needs.
- If a child is on the SEN register, reasonable adjustments should be discussed with class teacher or SENCo. If a child is not on the SEN register but has a valid need for adjustment, requests can be made in writing to the SENCo/Headteacher to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body

- The Headteacher will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the uniform policy throughout the school community, as part of the duty to maintain day to day discipline in the school.

Role of the Parents

- To ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as charity fundraising.
- Raise any complaints about the school uniform using the schools complaints procedure.
- **Name all items of uniform** – the school accepts no liability for loss or reasonable wear and tear through curriculum activities.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

We expect all pupils to follow the dress code. The school will talk to children who are in breach of the Uniform Policy and remind them about what they should be wearing. Where breaches of the Uniform Policy are persistent, the class teacher will speak to the parents in the first instance or a note will be sent home. Continued refusal to follow the policy will result in a letter from the headteacher and/or a meeting where further challenge and support will be offered.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. The Governing body will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions.

However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head teacher and the Governing Body.