

Cockton Hill Infants' School

Uniform Policy



Headteacher: Tom Cuthbertson

Chair of Governors: Bob Woods

Date: February 2025

Date for review: February 2026

Uniform Policy

Rationale:

We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

Our school uniform follows direct guidance from the Department for Education which states:

‘A school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Most schools in England have a uniform or dress code, and other rules on appearance.

The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.’

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/schoolethos/b0014144/schooluniform>

Aims:

- All children wear the correct uniform to school
- Children feel proud to belong to the school
- Parents/carers share the expectations of the school

Guidelines:

- Children are encouraged to wear the school uniform each day, with the appropriate footwear.
- The school prospectus provides parents/carers with full details and prices of the uniform to be worn.
- Most items of uniform can be purchased from the school office or main supermarket chains.
- If a child arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern (eg unsuitable for the weather, too revealing, offensive/unsuitable slogans/logos, etc) then the school will contact parents.
- PE kit should be worn on the day the child is doing PE. Children may come to school already in their kit to maximise PE time.
- If a child does not have their PE kit in school, spare kit will be provided.
- Parents are asked to clearly label every item of school clothing with their child's name.
- The children are encouraged to take responsibility for taking care of their own items of uniform obviously supported by staff in the early years.
- There is an area for lost property within school. Any items left unclaimed are periodically disposed of.
- Where a parent is struggling financially to provide uniform, the school will try and provide support directly or by referring parents to other agencies e.g. uniform bank.
- While the wearing of school uniform is compulsory, there may be occasions where a child is temporarily exempt, at the Headteacher's discretion. This may include particular medical, sensory or pastoral circumstances. Parents/carers should contact the school to discuss any individual needs.

Uniform details:

Winter:

Red school sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece (with or without school logo)

Plain white or red polo shirt or blouse

Black/grey trousers or skirt

White/black socks or tights/leggings

Sensible shoes/trainers (please note heels are not permitted - to ensure the health and safety of all pupils)

Summer:

As above or red/white checked dress or black/grey shorts

PE Kit:

T-shirt or school polo shirt, shorts, trainers or plimsolls. A tracksuit/ jogging bottoms are also useful for outdoor activities during the winter.

NB On Health and Safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this are small stud pierced ear-rings and a watch. We ask the children to remove these during PE lessons or, if they cannot be removed, to cover them with a plaster brought in from home. This is to prevent them from causing injury.

Educational Visits

For most off site visits school uniform will be required. At the very least this will be the school jumper and polo shirt depending on the activity. This allows pupils to be easily identified in when off site.

Parents will be advised if additional or different clothing is needed on a trip by trip basis.

Extra-curricular events

Activities that take place immediately after the school day will usually require pupils to remain in their school uniform and follow this policy. If it is a sporting activity then kit needed by pupils will be advised in any correspondence.

Students who wear make-up/nail varnish or excess jewelry will be required to remove these. Items of jewellery will be confiscated by the teacher to be collected by the parent.