



School Uniform Policy

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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, Parkagte Primary 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 Mrs Zoe Richards - 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 on the cost of school uniform.

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.

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:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- 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

- Kelly Green jumper or Cardigan with School Logo (Purchased from Cat Ballou)
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Green and White gingham dress (optional for summer)
- Grey or black school trousers (Jogging bottoms for EYFS only)
- Grey or black shorts (optional for summer)
- Black or grey socks
- Black school shoes with low heel (with laces or Velcro strap or buckle strap) - *no open toed sandals. Trainers are not acceptable.*
- **Outdoor** shoes, such as boots or trainers, should only be worn to and from school and for playtimes outside, and must not be worn inside the school building.
- Warm clothing for children participating in Forest School or Gardening

PE Kit

- White P.E T-Shirt with logo or a plain white T-Shirt(no-motifs)
- **Black** shorts, leggings or joggers
- Pumps or trainers (plain black with as little logos as possible). Our preference would be trainers as these are more sturdy and can be worn all day, inside or outside.
- P.E Kit bag available from Cat Ballou.

On PE days children will be able to come to school wearing their PE Kit.

Swimming kit will be required in Y4

Long hair must be tied back **at all times**.

Hair bobbles, headbands and slides should be in 'hair' colours or the school colours – green, white, black or grey.

4.2 Where to purchase it

The only compulsory branded item of school clothing is the jumper or cardigan. These can be purchased from:

Cat Ballou Ltd, 1-3 The Burges, Coventry, CV1 1HN

Tel: 024 76555499

Fax: 024 76555383

Email: sales@catballou.co.uk

Whilst there are other items of clothing with a school badge available e.g. PE t-shirt, these are not compulsory and are able to be purchased elsewhere without the school badge.

Second Hand uniform

The school has a supply of high-quality second-hand uniform. This is taken in from parents, washed and dried and placed in our 'uniform store'. Details are sent to parents via newsletters and opportunities to view uniform are scheduled in the calendar twice a half-term or more frequently if a parent emails into school.

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 Mrs Zoe Richards - 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 Mrs Zoe Richards - Headteacher 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 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 Mrs Zoe Richards – 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 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.