Fairfields Primary School Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction

At Fairfields Primary School, we believe that a school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, encourages pride in our school community, and supports equality among pupils. Our uniform expectations are designed to be practical, affordable, and inclusive while reflecting the school's values and high standards.

This policy reflects the latest guidance from the **Department for Education (DfE)** regarding the cost of school uniforms and has been updated for implementation from September 2026. The DfE now requires primary schools to limit compulsory branded uniform items to three or fewer to reduce costs for families. The school has reviewed its uniform requirements accordingly.

2. Principles

The school's approach to uniform is based on the following principles:

- Uniform should be affordable and accessible to all families.
- Branded items should be kept to a minimum.
- Parents should be able to purchase most uniform items from a retailer of their choice.
- Uniform should be practical for learning and play.
- Pupils should wear clothing that is safe, comfortable and suitable for school activities.

3. General Expectations

All pupils are expected to:

- Attend school wearing the correct uniform for their year group.
- Wear clothing that is clean, smart and in good repair.
- Wear appropriate footwear for school activities.

- Bring the correct PE kit on PE days.

The school recognises that there may occasionally be exceptional circumstances affecting uniform requirements. Families should contact the school office if support is required.

4. Uniform Requirements

Nursery

Branded Items

- Purple polo shirt with school logo
- Purple jumper or cardigan with school logo

Non-Branded Items

- Black tracksuit bottoms or black leggings
- Black shoes or black trainers

Reception to Year 5

Branded Items

- Purple cardigan or sweatshirt with school logo
- Purple PE t-shirt with school logo
- Purple PE hoodie with school logo

Non-Branded Items

- White polo shirt (school logo optional)
- Grey dress, skirt or trousers
- Purple gingham dress
- Grey tights
- Black, grey or white socks
- Black school shoes or black trainers
- Black PE shorts
- Black jogging bottoms
- Black plimsolls or black trainers

Year 6

Branded Items

- Purple and silver striped tie
- Grey V-neck jumper with purple piping
- Purple PE t-shirt with school logo

Non-Branded Items

- White collared shirt
- Grey dress, skirt or trousers
- Grey tights
- Black, grey or white socks
- Black school shoes or black trainers
- Black PE shorts
- Black jogging bottoms
- Black trainers
- Purple hoodie for PE

If purchased, the optional Year 6 Leavers Hoodie may be worn as the pupil's PE hoodie throughout the year.

5. PE Kit

Pupils should wear:

- Purple school PE t-shirt (where required for their year group)
- Black shorts
- Black jogging bottoms for colder weather
- Black trainers or black plimsolls
- Appropriate purple PE hoodie where applicable

PE kits should be suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities.

6. Bags and Personal Equipment

Reception Pupils

Due to limited classroom storage space, Reception pupils should bring a **purple book bag rather than a rucksack**.

The book bag does not need to be branded. While branded versions are available from the school uniform supplier, purchasing one is entirely optional.

Other Year Groups

Pupils in other year groups may use an appropriately sized school bag or rucksack suitable for their belongings.

7. Year 6 Uniform Expectations

Year 6 pupils are recognised as leaders and role models within the school community. The distinctive Year 6 tie and jumper help to celebrate this important stage of their primary education and foster a sense of responsibility, maturity and pride.

The school works closely with families to support pupils during this transition and may provide additional information regarding Year 6 uniform arrangements each year.

8. Affordability and Support for Families

The school is committed to keeping uniform costs as low as possible and complying with national guidance regarding branded items. Most uniform items can be purchased from a retailer of the family's choice without requiring a school logo.

Sharing Shed

The school operates a Uniform Sharing Shed where families can access good-quality pre-loved uniform free of charge.

Families are encouraged to:

- Donate clean, good-quality uniform they no longer require.
- Make use of available uniform items when needed.
- Support the school's commitment to sustainability and affordability.

Further information about Sharing Shed availability will be communicated through school channels.

9. Equality and Inclusion

The school will make reasonable adjustments to uniform expectations where required to accommodate:

- Religious requirements
- Cultural considerations
- Medical needs
- Disabilities

Parents and carers should discuss any specific requirements with the Headteacher.

10. Monitoring and Review

The Headteacher and Governing Board will review this policy annually to ensure it remains compliant with current legislation and Department for Education guidance and continues to meet the needs of pupils and families.

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