

SCHOOL POLICIES

Uniform Policy



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1. Our approach

At Hudson Primary School, we believe that school uniform plays an important part in creating a sense of belonging, community and pride in our school.

Our uniform helps children to feel that they are part of the Hudson community and supports our values of being **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. It also helps children to develop independence, prepares them for the expectations of future education and employment, and reduces unnecessary pressure around clothing and appearance.

Our school moto is:

Everyone experiences excellence.

We expect all members of our school community to take pride in their appearance and to wear the school uniform appropriately.

We also recognise that uniform must be affordable, accessible and inclusive. No child should be disadvantaged because of their family's financial circumstances.

2. Our uniform

Our standard school uniform is:

- **Red school polo shirt**
- **Navy blue school sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper**
- **Black or dark navy trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore or school dress**
- **Black, grey, white or navy tights/socks**
- **Plain black school shoes or predominantly black footwear**

During warmer weather, children may wear:

- Red polo shirt
- Black or dark navy shorts, skirt, pinafore or summer dress
- Appropriate plain socks

During colder weather, children should wear a suitable school coat over their uniform.

School-branded uniform

School-branded sweatshirts, cardigans and other uniform items are available through our approved uniform suppliers.

Branded uniform is welcomed but is not compulsory. Plain, good-quality alternatives in the appropriate school colours are acceptable.

This ensures that families can purchase uniform from a range of suppliers and helps us to keep the cost of school uniform as low as reasonably possible.

3. Nursery uniform

Children attending Hudson Nursery are encouraged to wear school uniform so that they become familiar with our expectations and feel part of the wider school community.

Nursery children should wear:

- Red polo shirt
- Navy blue cardigan or sweatshirt
- Black or dark navy trousers, leggings, skirt, pinafore or shorts
- Comfortable black footwear

As Nursery children are active and frequently engage in messy and sensory activities, families are encouraged to provide practical clothing that allows children to play, explore and learn comfortably.

4. PE kit

Children need a suitable PE kit in school.

The PE kit consists of:

- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain black shorts or jogging bottoms
- Trainers or suitable sports footwear

For outdoor PE and sports activities, children may require additional suitable clothing depending on the weather.

PE kits should be clearly named and kept in school as requested by the class teacher.

Children should not wear jewellery during PE.

Where a child is unable to remove an item of jewellery themselves, families should ensure that it is removed before the child comes to school on a PE day.

5. Footwear

Children should wear practical, safe footwear suitable for a primary school environment.

Footwear should:

- Be predominantly black
- Be suitable for walking, running and playing
- Allow children to participate safely in PE and outdoor activities
- Be appropriate for the weather

High heels, open-toed shoes, fashion boots, slippers and other footwear that could present a safety risk are not appropriate for school.

6. Coats and outdoor clothing

Children should have a suitable coat in school, particularly during the colder and wetter months.

Coats should be practical and suitable for outdoor play.

During periods of hot weather, families should ensure children have:

- A suitable sun hat
- Water bottle
- Appropriate sun protection applied before school

Children should remain appropriately dressed for the weather while maintaining the school's uniform expectations.

7. Hair and appearance

We encourage children to take pride in their appearance while recognising that children have individual personalities, cultural identities and preferences.

Hair should be:

- Clean and appropriate for school
- Safe and practical for learning and physical activity

Extreme hairstyles, patterns shaved into hair or styles that significantly distract from learning may not be appropriate for school.

Long hair should be tied back where necessary for safety, particularly during PE, practical activities and food preparation.

Hair accessories should be simple and suitable for school.

8. Jewellery and accessories

For health and safety reasons, children should not wear jewellery in school.

The exceptions are:

- Small, plain stud earrings
- Items worn for recognised religious or cultural reasons, where appropriate arrangements can be made

Children wearing earrings must be able to remove them independently for PE and sporting activities.

Smart watches and other wearable technology should not be worn unless specifically agreed with school.

9. Make-up and cosmetics

Make-up, false nails, nail varnish, false eyelashes and similar cosmetic products are not appropriate for primary-aged children in school.

10. Religious and cultural considerations

Hudson Primary School is committed to being an inclusive school and respects the religious, cultural and personal circumstances of our families.

We will make reasonable adjustments to uniform requirements where necessary to accommodate:

- Religious observance
- Cultural requirements
- Disability
- Medical needs
- Special educational needs

Families should speak to the Headteacher if they require an adjustment to the uniform policy.

Any agreed adjustment will be considered on an individual basis and will aim to balance the child's needs with health, safety and the school's inclusive uniform expectations.

11. SEND and individual needs

We recognise that some children may experience sensory, physical or other difficulties that affect their ability to wear particular items of clothing.

Where a child has an identified need, the school will work with the child and their family to find a practical and appropriate solution.

This may include adjustments to:

- Fabric
- Fastenings
- Footwear
- PE clothing
- Outerwear
- Changing arrangements

Uniform should never be used as a barrier to a child's access to education.

12. Labelling uniform

Every item of school uniform should be clearly named.

This includes:

- Coats
- Sweatshirts and cardigans

- PE kits
- Shoes
- Water bottles
- Bags

Unnamed items are much harder for school to return to their owner.

13. Pre-loved uniform

We strongly encourage families to make use of good-quality pre-loved uniform wherever possible.

This can:

- Reduce the cost of school uniform
- Reduce waste
- Support families
- Promote sustainability

School will communicate opportunities for families to access pre-loved uniform where available.

Families who have uniform in good condition that they no longer require are encouraged to donate it to the school for other families to use.

14. Affordability

Hudson Primary School is committed to ensuring that the cost of school uniform does not place unnecessary financial pressure on families.

We will:

- Keep the compulsory uniform list as short as possible
- Avoid unnecessary branded items
- Allow plain alternatives where appropriate
- Promote pre-loved uniform
- Review uniform suppliers and costs regularly
- Consider individual circumstances where families are experiencing financial difficulty

Families experiencing difficulties in purchasing uniform should speak confidentially to the school. We will seek to support families wherever possible.

No child will be made to feel embarrassed or excluded because of difficulties accessing uniform.

15. Non-compliance

We understand that children may occasionally arrive at school without the correct uniform for a variety of reasons.

Our response will be **supportive, proportionate and consistent**.

Staff will not shame, embarrass or publicly challenge children about their uniform.

Where an item is not compliant with the policy, staff may:

1. Remind the child of the expected uniform.
2. Support the child to make the appropriate choice where possible.
3. Contact parents/carers where an issue is ongoing.
4. Explore whether there is an underlying reason or barrier.
5. Provide or loan an appropriate item where school is able to do so.

Persistent or deliberate non-compliance will be addressed with parents/carers and may be considered within the school's wider behaviour and pastoral procedures.

16. Roles and responsibilities

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are responsible for:

- Providing appropriate school uniform
- Labelling clothing and belongings
- Ensuring children arrive appropriately dressed
- Supporting children to understand the importance of wearing school uniform
- Speaking to school if there are financial, medical, SEND, cultural or other barriers

Children

Children are expected to:

- Wear the correct uniform
- Take care of their belongings
- Take pride in their appearance
- Follow reasonable instructions from staff
- Respect the school's uniform expectations

School

The school will:

- Apply the policy fairly and consistently
- Avoid unnecessary expense
- Support families experiencing difficulties
- Make reasonable adjustments where appropriate
- Ensure that uniform expectations do not disadvantage children with SEND, disabilities, medical needs or religious/cultural requirements

17. Uniform suppliers

Families may purchase uniform from any suitable supplier.

School-branded uniform is available through the school's approved suppliers.

Families are not required to purchase uniform from a particular supplier where an equivalent plain item is available.

Details of current suppliers and links to their websites will be published on the school website and updated when necessary.

18. Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly by the school and governing body to ensure that it remains:

- Affordable
- Inclusive
- Practical
- Sustainable
- Appropriate for the age of our pupils
- Consistent with current statutory guidance

The policy will be reviewed in consultation with pupils, parents/carers and staff where appropriate.

Our Hudson expectation

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe.

Take pride in being part of Hudson.

Everyone experiences excellence.