

Kington Primary School



School Uniform Policy September 2023

**Reviewed and
Approved by:**

The staff and governors of Kington
Primary School

Date; September 2023

Next review due by: September 2024

**We want our children to look smart when at school and feel proud
to wear their uniform.**

AIMS:

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- offers the best value for money for parents and carers

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 that feature the school logo
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats and bags
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signalling 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.

EXPECTATIONS

We expect all pupils to comply with this uniform policy, which will be monitored. Any pupil who falls short of these requirements will be advised of this fact by their class teacher and given the opportunity to improve. Continued failure to comply will be brought to the attention of the Headteacher.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items.

THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors will ensure that the School Uniform Policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

WHERE TO BUY SCHOOL UNIFORM

Branded school jumpers and T-shirts can be purchased from:

Clubsport in Kington.

Address: 2 Church Street, Kington, Herefordshire HR5 3AZ

Telephone Number: 01544 231351

Website: <https://www.clubsport.co.uk/shoplocal/kington>

School Trends online

Website: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/KingtonPrimarySchoolHR53AL>

Second hand uniform is also available from the school office and our PTA hold regular sales for all to buy uniform from.

Unbranded uniform items can also be bought from most major stores at competitive prices.

MAIN UNIFORM

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly named so they can be returned to your child if mislaid.

- Dark grey/black school trousers or shorts, grey school skirt or pinafore dress
- School yellow polo shirt
- School royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Plain grey/white/black socks
- Plain grey tights
- Sensible black school shoes (plain black ankle boots are permitted in the winter but there should be no heels or embellishments)
- Waterproof school coat
- School fleece (optional)
- Summer dress – blue and white check

PE KIT - to be worn into school on PE days only

(No branding on PE items)

- School yellow PE shirt or plain yellow t-shirt
- Black plain shorts
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Plain black tracksuit trousers or leggings, in colder weather (optional)
- Sports PE Hoody (optional)
- Football boots (optional)

The school will provide a separate PE kit for pupils when participating in sports festivals

JEWELLERY

- If necessary, the children may only wear small stud earrings that the children will need to remove or cover with medical tape for PE.
- Watches – to be analogue or digital. No smart watches. Fitbits are allowed but photo or phone capability must be disabled.

HAIR

- Long hair should be tied up at all times in a dark clip or band (no hair accessories)
- Haircuts should be of a natural style and colour (no gel, tramlines etc.)

MISCELLANEOUS

- Nail varnish should not be worn in school