



Uniform Policy

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At Sunnyside Primary Academy, we have clear expectations regarding school uniform, and all pupils are expected to wear full Academy uniform. Wearing our distinctive uniform promotes a sense of belonging, encourages pride in our Academy, and ensures pupils are dressed appropriately for learning.

This policy has been developed in line with the Department for Education's guidance on the cost of school uniforms (updated September 2022), and in consultation with parents and governors. We are committed to keeping uniform affordable, practical, and inclusive, while maintaining our high standards.

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; and
- To ensure that all children are able to attend the school in a safe and supportive environment.

2. Legal Duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

We will ensure that our approach to uniform conforms with these legal duties.

We will also remain mindful of the need to make reasonable adjustments where required, including in response to a pupil's protected characteristic or special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

3. Uniform Expectations

The following basic requirements are expected to be adhered to:

- Pupils should wear plain black shoes or plain black trainers suitable for active school life. Shoes or trainers should have flat soles or low heels (no more than 2cm). Footwear should not display coloured logos or markings.
- Jewellery is not permitted, except for one pair of plain ear studs worn in the earlobe. These must be removed for PE and sporting activities. Inexpensive watches may be worn (not smartwatches).
- Hair and appearance:
 - Hair should be of a natural colour, with no dye or extensions.
 - Extreme hairstyles or patterns shaved into hair are not permitted.
 - Long hair should be tied back.
 - Hair accessories should be modest and in Academy colours.

** Hair should be appropriate for a school environment. The school will make reasonable adjustments in line with equality and cultural considerations.*

- Make-up, nail varnish, false nails, and tattoos are not allowed.
- Pupils should bring a waterproof coat each day and a warm coat during colder seasons.
- All clothing and equipment should be clearly labelled with the pupil's full name.
- Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be of an appropriate length, reaching no shorter than just above the knee, to ensure comfort, modesty, and suitability for school activities.

Reception to Year 4

- White polo shirt
- Mid-grey trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt

- Academy purple jumper or cardigan with logo
- Black, white, or grey socks/tights
- Sensible black shoes
- Academy book bag or small rucksack

PE Kit:

- Academy PE top
- Black PE shorts
- Plain black jogging bottoms (for colder weather) – *no branded logos*
- Academy PE hoodie (optional)

Years 5 and 6

- Plain white collared shirt (not a polo shirt)
- Academy tie
- Mid-grey trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt
- Academy purple jumper or cardigan with logo
- Black, white, or grey socks/tights
- Sensible black shoes (not trainers)
- Book bag or small rucksack

PE Kit:

- Academy PE top
- Black PE shorts
- Plain black jogging bottoms (for colder weather) – *no branded logos*
- Academy PE hoodie (*optional*)

The school will take a supportive and proportionate approach to uniform, recognising individual circumstances. Pupils will not be excluded from learning due to uniform issues.

4. Buying Uniform

The Academy will ensure that uniform requirements are designed to ensure durability and suitability for everyday school use.

Below are images of the Academy's uniform.



Parents and carers are not required to purchase uniform from a specific supplier. Branded items are available from our supplier; however, non-branded items can be purchased from a wide range of retailers. Academy-branded uniform items can be ordered via **Price & Buckland:** [Sunnyside Primary Academy | Price & Buckland](#)

5. Support with Uniform Costs

The Academy is committed to ensuring that the cost of uniform is not a barrier to attendance. Families experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to contact the school in confidence to discuss support options.

We will work with families to ensure all pupils can access appropriate uniform.

6. Minimising Cost and Branded Item

In line with Department for Education guidance, the Academy has minimised the number of compulsory branded items. Where possible, uniform items can be purchased from a range of retailers, including supermarkets and high-street stores.

Only essential items require the Academy logo. We aim to limit the number of compulsory branded items to the minimum possible, in line with DfE guidance.

7. Pre-loved Uniform

To support families and promote sustainability, the Academy holds a stock of good-quality used uniform that can be purchased for a small donation.

We also hold a used uniform sale three times per academic year.

If you would like to see what we have in stock, please speak to the school office.

6. SEND and Medical Needs

Where pupils have sensory, physical, or medical needs, reasonable adjustments to uniform expectations (including footwear) will be made in consultation with parents and carers.

7. Monitoring Arrangements

This Policy will be reviewed by the Principal at least annually, or more frequently, if needed. The Academy will consult with parents and carers before making any significant changes to the uniform policy that may have cost implications.

8. Links with Other Policies

This policy is linked to the following policies:

- Behaviour Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Complaints Policy