



Princecroft

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Incorporating The Hive Nursery

Uniform Policy

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UNIFORM POLICY

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality and inclusion policy
- Equalities Information
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy

Introduction

Statement of Intent

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

- Promotes the ethos of our school and a sense of pride
- Provides a sense of belonging and school community
- Creates a shared identity and common sense of purpose
- Supports our commitment to inclusion
- Promotes positive behaviour for learning with the aim of enabling all children to achieve their potential

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 Equalities Act 2010.
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform.

Legislation and Guidance

Our school's legal duties under the Equalities Act 2010:

The Equalities Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, gender reassignment, age, disability, marriage or civil partnership and pregnancy and maternity.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all children the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all children
- Allow all children to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back) and to style their hair in a way that makes them feel comfortable, that is appropriate for school
- Allow children to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow children to wear headscarves and other religious symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking children or their parents to speak with the headteacher who will have the final decision on any such requests.

Limiting the Cost of School Uniform

Our school has a duty to ensure the uniform we require is affordable, in line with the statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring 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 and Carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering which items with the school logo are necessary
- Limiting compulsory items with the logo, so that additional items are optional, allowing parents to find cheaper alternatives if desired.
- Allowing cheaper alternatives to school-branded items such as hoodies and skirts
- Avoiding specific requirements for items children could also wear on non-school days such as coats
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the uniform can act as a 'social leveller'
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different classes/houses
- Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups such as sports day e.g. wristbands
- Making sure there are opportunities for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on Parents and Carers of any changes

- Consulting with Parents, Carers and Children on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

Expectations for School Uniform

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We aim to achieve a high standard in all aspects of school life and expect this to be reflected in both the appearance and behaviour of our children. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. School uniform is a way of showing that the children and parents/carers are respectful and believe in themselves in line with our whole-school values. Parents and Carers are asked to co-operate fully by providing the uniform and ensuring children wear it correctly to and from school. We also ask that Parents/Carers mark all items clearly with their child's name.

Some items of uniform have the Princecroft Primary School logo on, whilst other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E., is detailed below:

Uniform for The Hive/Bumblebots			
Nursery uniform requirements: We do not have specific uniform requirements for nursery children. The most important factor in considering nursery clothing is that the children are: • Confident and comfortable when coming to nursery • Are able to be independent • Can seamlessly transition indoors/outdoors for continuous education provision			
Uniform Item	Photo	Required/Optional	Where to Purchase
Navy blue jumper with The Hive logo		Optional	Princecroft Primary School – Cool Cats Clothing
Please see The Hive information pack for a list of items your child will need at nursery including: A warm coat/hat/gloves for cold weather A sun hat for warm weather Wellies			

Uniform for Princecroft School			
The uniform is the same for all year groups, apart from in Reception, children are able to wear a plain white polo shirt without a tie. This is due to the nature of the play-based early years curriculum.			
Uniform Item	Photo	Required/Optional	Where to Purchase
Princecroft jumper or cardigan Navy blue with a gold trim and embroidered badge		Required	Princecroft Primary School – Cool Cats Clothing
White polo shirt		Required Reception only	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice
White buttoned shirt (may be short or long sleeved) to be tucked in at all times		Required Years 1-6	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice
School tie (clip on or traditional tie)		Required Years 1-6	Princecroft Primary School – Cool Cats Clothing
Grey trousers		Required	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice
Grey shorts (must reach at least mid-thigh length)		Required	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice

Grey skirt (must reach at least mid-thigh length)		Required	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice
Grey pinafore (must reach at least mid-thigh length)		Required	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice
Royal Blue tartan skirt (must reach at least mid-thigh length)		Optional	Princecroft Primary School – Cool Cats Clothing
Navy Gingham dress in the summer months (must reach at least mid-thigh length)		Optional	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice
Grey or navy socks or tights		Required	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice
Black shoes Further information can be found below		Required	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice
Navy, yellow, black, white or grey hair accessories. Navy, black or grey headscarf if appropriate.		Optional (Long hair must be tied back)	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice

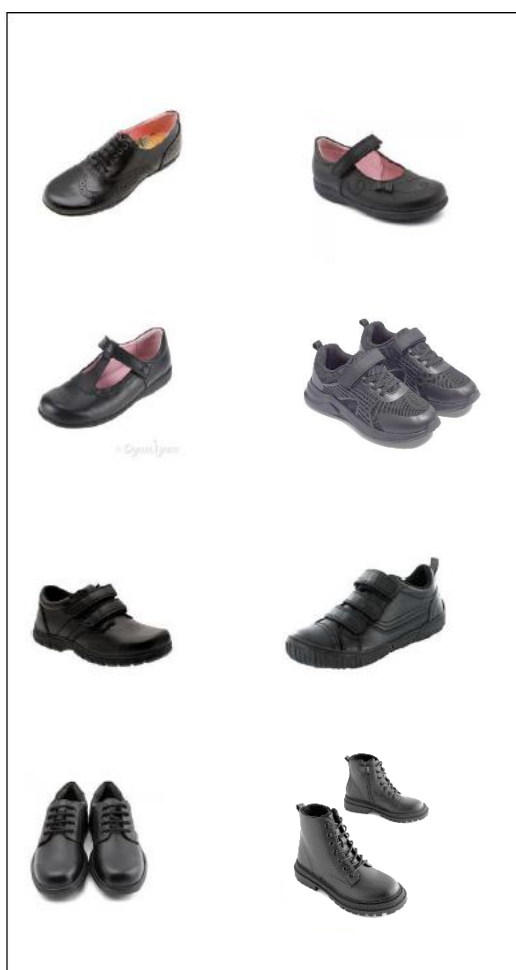
Book bag		Optional, but strongly recommended	Princecroft Primary School – Cool Cats Clothing
Warm coat		Required	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice

PE Uniform for Princecroft School			
The PE uniform is the same for all year groups, Reception to Year 6.			
Uniform Item	Photo	Required/Optional	Where to Purchase
Princecroft T-shirt		Optional (Plain navy tracksuit tops can be purchased if preferred)	Princecroft Primary School – Cool Cats Clothing
Princecroft Hoodie		Optional (Plain navy tracksuit tops can be purchased if preferred)	Princecroft Primary School – Cool Cats Clothing
Black Shorts (must reach at least mid-thigh length)		Required	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice
Navy or black leggings/jogging bottoms		Required	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice
Trainers		Required	Any high street retailer or supermarket of Parent/Carers' choice

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles, flashing lights, Heelys or high heels. All pupils are required to wear flat, plain black shoes without logos. These should be closed in with no toes visible. If boots are worn, these should also be flat and plain black. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted. Pupils can bring trainers or wellies into school to change into for break times. Pupils must however change back into their shoes at the end of break.

Acceptable



Unacceptable



Personal Appearance

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the school building unless it is due to religious or cultural reasons. Any head covering for religious or cultural values should be plain and in navy, grey or black. Headscarves of the type which drape to shoulder length or just below are acceptable. Longer headscarves are not permitted for safety reasons. Hats such as baseball caps or bandanas may not be worn as part of everyday uniform. A sun hat or cap may be brought in for breaks and lunch times when it is hot.

Hair

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed at all times for health and safety and so it is smart. Long hair should be tied back using school-coloured hair bands. Hair ornaments should not have objects attached to them or be excessively large. Extreme styles and hair colouring is not permitted.

Make-up

Nail varnish and make-up is not permitted. Nails should not be long enough to cause injury to others.

Jewellery and piercings

Pupils may not wear any jewellery except for a small wrist watch (with no smart functions, sound-effects or games). Pupils may wear one pair of stud earrings. They must be removed for PE or taped. Please note that staff are not able to do this. The school does not take any responsibility for any watches or earrings that are lost.

Arrangements for School Uniform

Website

Uniform items with the logo can be purchased from our supplier, Cool Cats Clothing, who offer the full range of uniform. The website is: [Princecroft Primary School – Cool Cats Clothing](#)

Please take note of the requirements in the table above. Only jumpers/cardigans, PE t-shirts, ties and book bags are compulsory. Everything else can be bought cheaply from a wide range of retailers offering Parents and Carers a wider choice.

Second-Hand uniform arrangements

Our school PTA (FoPS) run a successful second-hand sale at school fetes. The sales offer parents the opportunity to purchase good quality second hand uniform at a fraction of the price of new uniform. The sales will be advertised beforehand. To make this viable, we welcome donations of uniform that is no longer needed. Only good quality, clean, current uniform can be accepted and they can be dropped off at the school office.

In addition to this, there is often second hand uniform available on the FoPS Facebook page throughout the year.

Alternative arrangements

If you qualify for Pupil Premium or Free School Meals, you may be eligible for some funded uniform items. If financial report is required, please speak in confidence to Mrs. Pierson or someone in the school office.

Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves when outside. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. When cold, children may wear a plain white vest under their shirt. On hot days all children are expected to wear full uniform (although not jumpers). Items such as short-sleeved shirts, tailored shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate in the hot weather.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to the lost property box outside the hall. Students are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will then be clearly named.

Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items clearly.

Expectations for our School Community

Children

Children 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.

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

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are genuine reasons (for example religious considerations, medical needs or consideration of special needs), why parents want their child to wear anything that differs from the school uniform, the school will consider small adaptations. Parents are expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

Parents or Carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner. Disputes about 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 suitable outcome.

Staff

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing (including on trips). Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform 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 ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring arrangements

School staff will closely monitor children to ensure compliance with the school's uniform policy. Any non-compliance on a consistent basis will result in a letter being sent home and a formal request to adhere to the expectations outlined within this policy.

Ongoing breaches of the school's uniform policy will be dealt with in accordance with the school's behaviour policy. In extreme cases, a student could be suspended for persistently failing to follow the school uniform policy.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with the policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.