

School Uniform Policy

With God's love, we grow and flourish together

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At Coleshill C of E Primary School, our uniform is an important part of our identity as a school community. It reflects our Christian vision, *'With God's love, we grow and flourish together,'* and supports our GREEN School identity by promoting belonging, equality and pride in who we are as a community.

Wearing a consistent school uniform:

- promotes our school ethos of belonging and our Green School identity as a community;
- acts as a social leveller
- supports positive behaviour and readiness for learning;
- reduces bullying and peer pressure to wear the latest fashion brands or trends
- helps ensure children are dressed safely and appropriately for learning both indoors and outdoors.

We ask all families to support the school by ensuring that pupils attend in the correct uniform and adhere to the expectations outlined within this policy. Working together helps promote consistency, belonging and high standards across the school community. Where pupils do not meet the expectations of this policy, the school will work with families to resolve concerns in a supportive and proportionate manner. Where appropriate, responses will be in accordance with the Behaviour Policy.

Statutory Guidance

This policy has been developed with regard to the Department for Education's statutory guidance *Cost of School Uniforms* (July 2026), issued under the Education Act 2021. The governing board has considered affordability, value for money and equality when determining the school's uniform requirements. The school will review this policy regularly to ensure it continues to meet statutory expectations.

Affordability

The governing board is committed to ensuring that school uniform is affordable for all families. In line with DfE statutory guidance, the school:

- keeps compulsory branded items to the minimum necessary;
- allows supermarket alternatives wherever possible;
- works with suppliers to achieve value for money;
- provides access to high-quality pre-loved uniform;
- signposts families to sources of financial assistance.

The governing board will review supplier arrangements periodically to ensure that families continue to receive good value for money.

The School Uniform:

Classrooms

- Green logoed jumper/cardigan ([brigadeuniformdirect](#))
- Black trousers/smart shorts/skirt/pinafore
- White polo shirt, shirt or blouse
- Green and white check dresses (Summer)
- Black sensible shoes (not trainers, boots or heeled shoes) worn with plain black, grey or white socks or tights
- A warm waterproof winter coat – we go outdoors in all weathers
- A sun hat

Physical Education (PE) Uniform:

- School logo t-shirt ([pbsports](#))
- School logo jumper
- Plain black shorts (or optional school logo shorts)
- Plain black joggers/leggings (or optional school logo joggers)
- Black trainers
- Where developmentally appropriate, sports bras are recommended
- For swimming, children should wear a one-piece swimsuit/ swimming shorts and a swimming cap if they have long hair

Please note

- On PE days (twice a week), children come to school in their PE kit. More information to be provided by your class teacher.
- Indoor black pumps are not required
- Fashion brands are not part of our school uniform

Forest School Uniform

- Wellington Boots or walking shoes
- Hat/cap for hot sunny days
- Warm, waterproof coat. Children may choose to bring waterproof all in ones for Forest school.

Please note the Forest School uniform is part of our Forest School risk assessment. Children not wearing the appropriate footwear will be offered school wellington boots. Lack of appropriate footwear will result in non-participation in Forest School.

Branded Uniform

The only compulsory school branded items are:

- school jumper or cardigan,
- PE t-shirt
- PE jumper

All other items may be purchased from any retailer provided they meet the school's colour and style requirements.

Inclusion

The school recognises its duties under the Equality Act 2010. Reasonable adjustments will be considered where pupils have protected characteristics, medical needs, sensory needs, disabilities or other specific requirements. Parents should contact the school to discuss individual circumstances so that suitable adaptations can be agreed.

Sustainability

We actively encourage all our families to engage in sustainable practices and re-use uniform through our pre-loved uniform collection.

Financial Assistance

Families experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to contact the school in confidence. No child will be disadvantaged because of financial hardship. Support may be available through the [Coleshill Grammar School Trust](#) who give uniform bursaries to individuals or families to those requiring assistance. Please contact the office if you would like support in completing an application.

Jewellery

Safety standards are important in school and jewellery presents a safety hazard. For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn unless specifically permitted within this policy.

- Earrings
Small, plain studs are permitted. Hoops or dangly earrings are not permitted.
Earrings should be removed on PE days. Flat back earrings may be worn at parents' own risk.
If you do decide to have your child's ears pierced, may we request that this is done at the beginning of the Summer holidays so that they are sufficiently healed for the earrings to be removed for P.E. and swimming at the beginning of the Autumn term.
- Watches
Watches are allowed. However, smart watches (such as an Apple watch) are not permitted. Children will be asked to remove them, and they will be kept in the office for parents to pick up. Smart watches with internet connectivity, cameras or messaging functions are not permitted as they present safeguarding and online safety concerns.
- Necklaces/ Bracelets
Necklaces and bracelets are not allowed. Children will be asked to remove them and they will be kept in the office for parents to pick up at the end of the day.

School cannot be responsible for loss or damage of any jewellery.

Hairstyles

Hairstyles should be appropriate for school and should not distract from learning or compromise health and safety. Extreme styles or colours that are not naturally occurring are not permitted.

- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up to reduce the risks of head lice transfer and for health and safety in PE.
- Hair accessories should be in school colours of green, white or black.
- Large hair accessories should not be worn.

Make up and transfers

Make-up, transfers, nail varnish or fake nails should not be worn to school. If children choose to have transfers at fetes, fairs and parties at weekends, these should be fully removed ready for their return to school on Monday morning.

Additional items and personal equipment:

We cannot accept responsibility for loss or theft. It is part of children's growing independence to take responsibility for their own property.

- **Book Bags/School Bags**
If children need to bring other bags into school, they should be of a reasonable size and be able to fit into a school locker.
- **Pencil Cases**
All stationery equipment such as pencils and rulers are available in school. Therefore there is no requirement for children to bring their own resources into school.
- **Water Bottle**
Children need a (labelled) drinks bottle for water that is accessible for use throughout the day. Children are not permitted squash or fizzy drinks in order for us to adhere to DfE food and nutrition guidelines.
- **Mobile Phones**
Mobile phones are not permitted in school, inline with DfE guidance. Where Year 5 or Year 6 pupils walk to and from school independently, parents may request that their child brings a basic mobile phone without internet access or camera functionality. These devices must be handed into the school office immediately upon arrival and collected at the end of the day. Mobile phones that are found, will be confiscated in line with our behaviour and safeguarding policy.

Non-uniform days

From time to time, the school may hold non-uniform days. These are at the discretion of the school and will be communicated to parents in advance.

- Children should wear clothing and footwear that are suitable, safe and appropriate for a normal school day, including outdoor play and physical activity where applicable. Clothing should be comfortable, practical and appropriate for a primary school environment.

- To maintain our inclusive ethos, clothing should not display offensive, inappropriate or political slogans, images or messages. Parents and carers are asked to ensure that children's clothing reflects the values and expectations of the school.
- Where non-uniform days are linked to fundraising, participation is entirely voluntary and will never be dependent on making a financial contribution. No child will be disadvantaged or excluded from taking part if they are unable to donate.
- Where themed or dress-up days are held, we will seek to minimise any cost to families and will ensure that children can participate without the expectation of purchasing special outfits or costumes.

Lost Property

Lost property is retained in school for half a term and then any unclaimed property is sent for recycling or donated to 'pre-loved'.

Monitoring and Review

The Local Academy Board will review this policy every three years, or sooner if statutory guidance changes.

References

- Department for Education (2025) *Cost of School Uniforms: Statutory Guidance*.
- School uniforms: Guidance for Schools (2025)
- Education Act 2021.
- Equality Act 2010.
- Human Rights Act 1998.
- Department for Education: *Keeping Children Safe in Education* (current edition).