



Ashford Park Primary School
'Inspiring a love for lifelong learning'

School Uniform Policy

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We take pride in all of our children wearing school uniform which encourages a sense of belonging and develops skills for lifelong learning and employment.

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in this policy and on our website.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are:

- ear-ring studs in pierced ears

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.

Please save the wearing of jewellery and special hairstyles for the 6 week summer holiday. The summer holiday provides a 6 week opportunity for ear piercing, which then allows your child to carefully remove their earrings for PE and physical activity at the start of the academic year.

Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Children must not style their hair with gel. Hair that is at shoulder length or longer, must be tied back at all times with a plain band in school colours – grey, white, red, navy blue or black. This helps

to prevent the spread of head lice and provides additional safety during physical activity. Children should not wear nail varnish.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school (except on PE days); this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Any minor adjustments would need to be in school colours.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school 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 helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Listening to the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual

children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

The school supplier

School uniform with the Ashford Park logo is available from "School Uniform Direct" at 23, High Street, Staines, TW18 4QY (Tel: 01784 454517). Other than ties and school badges, school uniform can also be purchased from supermarkets and department stores such as Asda, Tesco, M&S and Matalan.

School Uniform Direct, Ashford Park Primary Schools official schools uniform supplier, as part of their focus on sustainability and affordability, has partnered with OldSchoolUniform.co.uk to offer parents the opportunity to purchase, request and recycle pre-loved uniforms.

School uniform

<p>WINTER UNIFORM (After October half-term)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red school jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan. • White shirt or blouse with school tie. • Reception children are asked to wear a white polo shirt with no tie. • Mid-grey skirt, mid-grey pinafore dress or mid-grey school trousers. • Black school shoes (trainers and boots are not acceptable.) • Grey or white plain socks. • Grey or red tights.
<p>SUMMER UNIFORM (After Easter)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red school jumper or cardigan. • White shirt or blouse with school tie or white polo shirt. • Mid-grey skirt, mid-grey trousers, mid-grey shorts or red and white checked summer dress. (No cargo or sport style shorts). • Black school shoes, white or black sandals (no open toed sandals, kitten heels or "Vans"). • Grey or white plain socks.

PE KIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red round neck T-shirt• Navy shorts• Plimsolls/trainers (suitable for outdoor use)• Plain dark track suit (Navy or black), with NO logos.
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The Ashford Park red book bag is required in school every day, therefore please do not purchase a rucksack for your child to bring to school, as we do not have enough space to store them.

NB. The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states:

'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, schools ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.'