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Trent Young's
CE School

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Purpose and principles

Our uniform helps children feel that they belong at our school, supports equality and creates a practical, calm approach to the school day. This policy is designed to be affordable, inclusive and easy for families to follow. Cost must never prevent a child from applying to, attending or taking part fully in school.

This policy follows Department for Education rules and guidance on keeping school uniform costs affordable, updated in July 2026. It also follows the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998.

Our uniform

The following requirements apply to children in Reception to Year 6. Families may buy all generic items from any retailer. Logoed items are encouraged; a plain alternative is always acceptable. Children are expected to wear the winter uniform from October half term until Easter, and the summer uniform from the start of the summer term following Easter until October half term. However, the winter uniform may be worn throughout the year if preferred. Full details of both winter and summer uniform requirements are outlined below.

Winter uniform

Item	Specification	Status	Branding
Shirt	White shirt (short or long-sleeved)	Required	Plain
Tie	Purple tie	Required	Plain
Jumper or cardigan	Royal blue jumper or cardigan	Required as needed	School logo
Trousers	Grey trousers	As needed / optional	Generic
Shorts	Grey tailored shorts	Optional	Generic
Skirt/pinafore	Purple tartan skirt or pinafore dress	As needed / optional	Branded
Socks/tights	Grey, black or white socks; grey tights	Required	Generic
Footwear	Plain black school shoes (no heels or boots)	Required	Generic
Outdoor clothing	A practical coat suitable for the weather.	Required as needed	Generic; any safe, sensible colour

Summer uniform

Item	Specification	Status	Branding
Polo shirt	White polo shirt	Required	Plain or school logo
Jumper or cardigan	Royal blue jumper or cardigan	Required as needed	School logo
Trousers/shorts	Grey trousers or tailored grey shorts	As needed	Generic

Item	Specification	Status	Branding
Summer dress	Light blue gingham/checked dress	Optional	Generic
Socks	Grey, black or white socks	Required	Generic
Footwear	Plain black school shoes (no heels or boots) - please note that open-toed sandals are not suitable	Required	Generic

PE kit

Children must bring their PE kit to school on their allocated PE days. All items may be purchased from any retailer and must be comfortable and suitable for physical activity.

Item	Specification	Status
Top	White PE T-shirt (school-branded or plain equivalent)	Required
Lower garment	Royal blue shorts or skorts	Required
Warm lower garment	Navy joggers or sports leggings	As needed
Warm upper layer	Royal blue hoody (school logo) or plain navy sweatshirt / hoody	As needed
Footwear	Trainers suitable for PE	Required

The school will loan specialist team kit where it is needed for competitions. No child will be prevented from taking part in PE or representing the school because of uniform cost or a temporary uniform difficulty.

Additional items

The following items are also available to purchase. Logoed items are encouraged; a plain alternative is always acceptable.

- Book bag (with school logo)
- Rucksack (with school logo)
- PE drawstring bag (with school logo)

Due to limited space, we request that children in Acorn and Willow Classes have a bookbag and bag, and not a rucksack. Children in KS2 are welcome to have a ***small*** rucksack but request that due to availability of space, these are not too large.

Appearance and safety

- ➔ Long hair must be tied back. Hair may be worn in any natural or protective style that is safe for school activities.
- ➔ Small stud earrings may be worn. Other jewellery is not permitted, except a simple religious necklace or article agreed with the school. Jewellery may need to be removed or secured for PE and practical activities.
- ➔ Nail varnish, make-up and dyed hair are not part of school uniform.
- ➔ Clothing, bags and accessories should not display offensive, discriminatory or party-political wording or imagery.
- ➔ All clothing and footwear should be safe, practical and clearly named.
- ➔ In line with our Phone Policy, smart devices such as watches, glasses or other items may not be worn.

Affordability and branded items

We do not require any clothing with the school logo. Families may order polo shirts, sweatshirts, jumpers or cardigans with the logo from our supplier, but they can always choose the same item without a logo. To keep uniform affordable, the school will:

- ➔ Keep the number and cost of compulsory items to a minimum and consider the total cost to families when this policy is reviewed;
- ➔ Avoid requiring additional uniform for clubs, trips, performances or competitions;
- ➔ Allow enough notice and a reasonable transition period if requirements change;
- ➔ Review any uniform-supply arrangements for cost, quality, durability and value for money; and
- ➔ Publish clear uniform and second-hand arrangements on the school website for current and prospective families.

Second-hand uniform and support

All families can get good-quality second-hand uniform. The school website will explain where to find it and how to request it, including for families whose children have not yet joined the school. Families can also contact the school office privately for help.

If paying for uniform is difficult, please speak privately to the school office or our Family Liaison Officer. The school may be able to provide or lend items, help you find second-hand uniform, or agree that your child can wear something different for a short time. We will offer help privately and respectfully.

Equality, religion and individual needs

All children may choose from the uniform options. We will consider changes where a child needs them. This includes reasonable adjustments for disabled children and children with special educational needs, sensory needs or medical conditions. Children may wear adaptive uniform.

We will do our best to meet a child's religious or cultural needs, including dress, hairstyles, head coverings and articles of faith. We will only limit these where there is a genuine health, safety or safeguarding reason, and any limit will go no further than necessary. Families should speak with the Headteacher so that we can agree a suitable arrangement together.

Weather and exceptional circumstances

The Headteacher may temporarily adapt uniform expectations during extreme or adverse weather or where this supports a child's attendance, health or wellbeing. Children may wear practical outerwear needed to travel safely to and from school, including visible or reflective clothing in poor light.

When uniform expectations are not met

Staff will deal with uniform concerns calmly, privately and fairly. Before taking any further action, they will check whether there is a reason outside the child's control. This could include cost, a medical or sensory need, religion or culture, or a safeguarding concern. Where helpful, the school will contact parents and find a practical solution, such as lending an item or agreeing a temporary change.

We will deal with uniform concerns fairly and in line with the school's behaviour policy. A child will not miss lessons, breaktime, PE, a club or any other part of school life because their family cannot afford the correct uniform. If the school considers a formal consequence, it must follow the behaviour policy and relevant legal guidance.

Roles and responsibilities

Academy Standards and Ethos Committee (ASEC – local governors)

The ASEC checks that this policy follows government guidance and the law. It also checks that the uniform is affordable and considers how the policy affects different groups of children.

The Headteacher and school staff
The Headteacher implements the policy fairly, ensures reasonable adjustments and support are considered, and keeps uniform information current and accessible. Staff model and reinforce expectations consistently, avoid public correction or shaming, and raise any concern about hardship, discrimination or wellbeing with the appropriate leader.

Parents and carers
Parents and carers are asked to provide the required uniform, label items, contact the school early if support or an adjustment is needed, and work with the school to resolve concerns.

Children
Children are expected to wear the agreed uniform, look after their belongings and speak to a trusted adult if they need help or feel uncomfortable or unfairly treated.

Consultation, publication and review
We will ask parents and children for their views when we develop this policy or plan a major change. We will pay particular attention to cost and to whether a change could affect some groups of children differently. The final policy will be easy to find on the school website and will be available to families whose children have not yet joined the school. We will review it at least once a year, and sooner if the law, government guidance or local circumstances change.

Complaints
If you have a question or concern, please speak to the Headteacher first so that the school and your family can try to agree a solution. If the issue is not resolved, you can make a formal complaint using the school's published complaints procedure. If your concern is about the supplier's service or the quality of an item, you can also use the supplier's complaints process.

Related documents and guidance
- ➔ Behaviour Policy
- ➔ Complaints Procedure
- ➔ Equality information and objectives
- ➔ Department for Education Cost of school uniforms statutory guidance updated 6 July 2026
- ➔ Department for Education Developing school uniform policy guidance updated 6 July 2026
- ➔ Equality Act 2010 and Human Rights Act 1998

Supplier information
Uniform can be purchased from:

Branded items: Kitz UK in Sherborne (http://kitzuk.co.uk) and Schoolwear and More in Yeovil (https://www.swschoolwear.co.uk)

Un-branded items
Local supermarkets
Online suppliers

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Branded and non-branded uniform are both welcome

ADAPTIVE UNIFORM OPTIONS WELCOMED

Adjustments are considered for disability, SEN, sensory or medical needs, and for religious or cultural needs. Please speak to the Headteacher.

EVERYDAY UNIFORM

Winter: Oct half term → Easter · Summer: summer term → Oct half term
Winter uniform may be worn all year



Winter: white shirt & purple tie
Short or long sleeved · plain
REQUIRED



Summer: white polo shirt
Logo or plain
REQUIRED



Royal blue jumper or cardigan
Logo or plain
AS NEEDED



Grey trousers or tailored shorts, purple tartan skirt or pinafore
Winter: trousers and skirt as needed / optional, shorts optional
Summer: trousers or shorts as needed



Summer: light blue gingham dress
Generic
OPTIONAL



Grey, black or white socks
Grey tights in winter
REQUIRED



Plain black school shoes
No heels or boots · open-toed sandals are not suitable
REQUIRED



Practical coat for the weather
Any safe, sensible colour
AS NEEDED

PE UNIFORM

Bring PE kit on your child's PE days · buy from any retailer



White PE T-shirt
School-branded or plain
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Royal blue shorts or skorts
REQUIRED



Navy joggers or sports leggings
AS NEEDED



Royal blue hoody (logo) or plain navy sweatshirt or hoody
AS NEEDED



Trainers suitable for PE
REQUIRED

TEAM KIT
We loan specialist team kit for competitions. No child misses PE or representing the school because of uniform cost.

BAGS



Book bag, PE drawstring bag, rucksack
School logo optional · plain is always fine

SPACE IS LIMITED
Acorn and Willow Classes: book bag and PE bag, please no rucksack. KS2: a **small** rucksack is welcome.

PLEASE REMEMBER

LONG HAIR
Tied back. Any safe natural or protective style is welcome.

JEWELLERY
Small stud earrings and a simple religious necklace only.

APPEARANCE
No nail varnish, make-up or dyed hair.

SMART DEVICES
No smart watches or glasses (Phone Policy).

NAME IT
Label all clothing and footwear. No offensive or party-political wording.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM
Available to all families, including those not yet at school. See the school website.

STRUGGLING WITH COST?
Speak privately to the school office or our Family Liaison Officer. We may be able to lend items.

BRANDED ITEMS (ALL OPTIONAL)
Kitz UK, Sherborne (kitzuk.co.uk) and Schoolwear and More, Yeovil (swschoolwear.co.uk): blue jumper/cardigan, white polo and PE T-shirt, blue hoody, tartan skirt/pinafore.

NON-BRANDED ITEMS
Local supermarkets and online suppliers.

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Thank you for helping our children feel confident, included and proud of their uniform every day. No child will miss lessons, breaktime, PE or a club because of uniform cost.

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