



Dodford First School

School Uniform Policy

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The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Our Approach to School Uniform

At our school, we believe that wearing a school uniform helps to create a sense of belonging, promotes equality and encourages children to take pride in their school.

All children are expected to wear the appropriate school uniform when attending school or participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours, unless advised otherwise.

We are committed to ensuring that our school uniform is practical, comfortable and affordable for all families.

No school-branded items are compulsory. All uniform and PE kit items can be purchased from any retailer or obtained second-hand, provided they meet the colour and style requirements outlined below.

1. School Uniform Requirements

The following tables clearly identify which items are required, which are optional, and when they should be worn.

Autumn and Spring Terms

The following uniform requirements apply during the autumn and spring terms.

Uniform item	Required or optional	Branded or generic
Plain grey trousers, grey skirt or grey pinafore	Required – children must wear one of these options.	Generic
White polo shirt	Required	Generic or optional school-branded version
Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan	Required – children must have one of these options.	Generic or optional school-branded version
Grey, black or white socks, or grey, black or burgundy tights	Required – children must wear one of these options.	Generic
Black school shoes (no boots)	Required	Generic

Children may choose between the alternative clothing options listed above. Families are not required to purchase every option.

Summer Term

The following uniform requirements apply during the summer term.

Uniform item	Required or optional	Branded or generic
Plain grey shorts, grey trousers, grey skirt, grey pinafore or red gingham dress	Required – children must wear one of these options.	Generic
White polo shirt	Required, unless wearing a red gingham dress.	Generic or optional school-branded version
Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan	Optional during warmer weather.	Generic or optional school-branded version
Grey, black or white socks	Required	Generic
Black school shoes (no sandals)	Required	Generic

Children may continue to wear their grey trousers, skirt or pinafore during the summer term. Grey shorts and red gingham dresses are additional options for warmer weather and are not compulsory purchases.

Burgundy sweatshirts and cardigans may be worn during the summer term when the weather is cooler.

2. PE Kit

Children are required to wear the following kit for PE lessons and school-organised sporting activities, unless advised otherwise.

PE kit item	Required or optional	Branded or generic
Plain black joggers, shorts, leggings or skorts	Required – children must have at least one of these options.	Generic
Plain white T-shirt	Required	Generic
Black plimsolls or black trainers	Required – children must have one suitable pair.	Generic; branding on trainers is permitted.
Plain black sweatshirt	Required for outdoor PE in cooler weather; optional in warmer weather.	Generic

All PE clothing must be plain and free from logos or branding, with the exception of trainers.

PE kit is required throughout the academic year. Children may choose the type of black bottoms that they find most comfortable and appropriate for the activity and weather conditions.

Families do not need to purchase separate PE kits for the summer and winter terms.

3. Jewellery, Hairstyles and Personal Appearance

To maintain a safe and practical learning environment, we ask parents and carers to support the following expectations.

Item	School requirement
Earrings	Optional. One pair of safety stud earrings is permitted.
Other jewellery	Not permitted unless an individual exemption has been agreed with the school.
Watches	Optional. Standard watches may be worn.
Smartwatches	Not permitted due to their camera and recording capabilities.
Hair accessories	Required for children with long hair. Hair should be tied back using a plain hair bobble or plain headband for hygiene and safety reasons.
Nail polish	Should not be worn to school.
Temporary tattoos and transfers	Should not be worn to school.

We ask that hairstyles are appropriate for the school environment and do not interfere with learning or participation in school activities.

We recognise that children may have individual needs relating to religion, culture, disability or medical requirements. Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school to discuss any reasonable adjustments to our uniform expectations.

4. Branded and Non-Branded Uniform

There are no compulsory branded uniform items at our school.

School-branded versions of our white polo shirt, burgundy sweatshirt and burgundy cardigan are available for families who wish to purchase them.

However, these items are entirely optional. Plain, non-branded alternatives in the correct school colours are equally acceptable.

Children are not required to wear any item displaying the school logo, and families will not be expected to purchase branded clothing when a suitable generic alternative is available.

5. Where to Purchase School Uniform

Families may purchase school uniform from any retailer, provided that the items meet the requirements set out in this policy.

Branded school uniform

Optional purchase

School-branded polo shirts, sweatshirts and cardigans are available from Bromsgrove Schools and Sportswear.

Purchasing these items is entirely optional. Families are not required to use this supplier.

Non-branded school uniform

Accepted for all uniform and PE kit items

Generic uniform can be purchased from supermarkets, high-street shops, online retailers or any other supplier.

There is no requirement to purchase uniform from a specific retailer.

Second-hand school uniform

Accepted for all uniform and PE kit items

Families are welcome to obtain school uniform second-hand, including through our school's second-hand uniform collection, charity shops, second-hand retailers or other families.

Second-hand items do not need to display the school logo, provided they meet our uniform requirements.

6. Labelling and Lost Property

We strongly encourage parents and carers to clearly label all school uniform, PE kit, shoes and personal belongings with their child's name.

Each classroom has a lost property box, and we will make every effort to return named items to their owners.

Unlabelled or unclaimed items may be donated to our second-hand uniform collection.

Please note that the school cannot accept responsibility for the loss of or damage to valuable personal belongings brought onto school premises.

7. Supporting Families

We understand that purchasing school uniform can place financial pressure on families. Our uniform requirements have therefore been designed to provide flexibility and minimise unnecessary costs.

Families are not expected to purchase every clothing option listed in this policy. Where alternative items are specified, children may wear whichever option is most appropriate for them.

Parents and carers who require support with obtaining school uniform or accessing our second-hand uniform collection are encouraged to contact the school office.

We appreciate the support of our families in ensuring that children arrive at school appropriately dressed, comfortable and ready to learn.