



Northgate Primary School Uniform Policy 2024

Introduction

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 ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance. *From Year 3 all children wearing a school shirt are expected to wear a school tie which is available at Harrison's school outfitters or the school office.* Some items of uniform can be bought from the school uniform outfitters Harrisons, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed below.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride and belonging in our school;
- helps children to understand how to present themselves positively to others
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting and enables them to dress in an age-appropriate way;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

Jewellery, Hair, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Hair should be kept neat and tidy and any hair accessories should be small, plain, and grey or black.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Extreme hairstyles - shaved emblems or lines, unnatural colour dyes are not allowed.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours' function, for example a school disco.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels; so please don't send them in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers without logos as stated in the uniform list. Flip flop type open sandals should not be worn in the summer, sandals should be closed in and fastened securely. If boots are worn in the winter these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has

difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. **Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.** Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted if children regularly arrive without a PE kit.

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, these requests will be considered sympathetically.

If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

The Role of the school committee

The school committee supports the head teacher 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 to ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The school committee monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking 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.

Agreed: March 2024. To be reviewed annually

Northgate Primary School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of grey/black and navy. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with a * below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold in Harrisons School Outfitters.

Please speak to our office staff for details of prices.

*In Key Stage 2 (from Year 3) all children are expected to wear a school tie with their white shirt. This can be a clip on tie. **

Pupils wear:

- Grey/black or navy skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or blue and white checked or striped summer dresses

(skirts should be at least knee length and of a style which allows the children to sit comfortably on the floor)

- White blouse, white shirt or polo shirt*
- Navy blue sweatshirt* or cardigan*, without a hood, either plain or with the Northgate logo
- Plain white, blue, black or grey short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or
- Black, navy or grey tights

NO Jewellery/make-up or nail varnish, only plain stud earrings (NO hoops)

- Grey/black or navy shorts or trousers - *not jogging bottoms*

Shoes

Shoes – flat, black and appropriate for school

Trainers – plain without logos (PE- outdoors)

Sandals – closed in and fastened securely. (No flip flop types- Summer term)

Boots – plain black and not prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor.

Warm coat with a hood for cold weather – children do go outside when it is cold and wet.

(Waterproof coats, with the school logo, which are suitable for boys and girls, are also available from the school outfitters Harrisons)*

P.E. Kit

Children can wear PE clothes and footwear on P.E days. Unless it is a PE day, please bring in a suitable PE kit.in a draw-string bag for after school club. **All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named.**

Pupils wear:

- Grey/black or navy shorts
- Plain white T-shirt or polo shirt
- **Plain or school logo black or navy jumpers can be worn (no other logos, brands or slogans)**
- A pair of plimsolls (indoor) – velcro fastenings are useful for younger children
- trainers are needed for outdoor use
- Grey/black or navy jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather
- **No earrings on PE days.**