



Farnborough Road Infant School. **Uniform Policy**

“Learning, Caring and Achieving Together”

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children (with the exception of our 2-year-old Nursery 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 school website.

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, school’s 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.’

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:

- plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears
- small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara

Watches may be worn entirely at parents’ risk.

Earrings must be removed for PE and Games sessions for health and safety reasons. Nearly pierced ears must be covered by a plaster during these sessions. The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy.

Hairstyles

The school does not permit extreme fashion hairstyles such as tramlines, decorative shaving, Mohicans or beaded hair. Extreme use of colour is also not allowed in school. Long hair on girls and boys should ALWAYS be tied back for safety reasons. All hair bobbles or accessories should be school colours - maroon, gold, grey or black. Extra large bows should not be worn for school.

Footwear

Sensible shoes should be worn in school at all times to maintain standards of health and safety. Only shoes with a heel of 2cm or below is permitted. Open toes sandals, boots or trainers are not permitted at any time.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. Parents have a responsibility to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

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.

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 and the Equality Act 2010. 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:

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

Farnborough Road Infant School Uniform

Our 2-Year-old, Caterpillar Class, wear their own clothes for school.

Our school uniform colours are maroon, gold and grey.

Required Uniform for Farnborough Road Infant School

Boys and Girls wear their uniform all year round.

- Gold polo shirts are worn by all Nursery and Infant children with a maroon cardigan or school sweatshirt. (These can be worn with or without the school logo)
- Pupils have the option to wear long straight-legged grey school-type trousers or short grey trousers or a grey pinafore or skirt.
- Nursery children ONLY have the option of wearing grey jogging bottoms to encourage independent self-care.
- Socks should be grey in the winter - with the option of white socks with a summer dress.

Optional Summer Uniform:

- In the Summer there is the option to wear pink/red and white striped or checked dresses.

Shoes

Black school shoes should be worn all year round

- Fastenings should be simple eg Velcro fastenings for our younger pupils.
- Laced shoes should ONLY be worn if children can do their own laces.
- We request shoes with sensible heels maximum - 2cm.

Trainers, boots or open-toe sandals must not be worn.

Please ensure that all clothing is labelled.

P.E. Kit - required for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

In the infants, pupils should wear black shorts and a white T-shirt and black PE pumps. PE kits should be brought in a draw string bag - which can be easily hung on pegs- Farnborough Road Infant School PE bag can be purchased on the school shop.

A Farnborough Road Infant School Book bag for Nursery and Infant school child to carry books and letters home can be purchased on the school shop.

Water bottles are also essential so children can drink water throughout the school day in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All children will be given a school water bottle in the new school year. Replacement school water bottle can be purchased from the school shop. All water bottles should be clear and have sports bottle top.

Lunch Boxes

All children in the Nursery who stay for lunch will require a lunch box as these children will stay at school for a packed lunch - please ensure these are clearly labelled with your child's name. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can choose to stay for a school meal or bring their own packed lunch in their lunch box.

Farnborough Road Infant School and its governors has due regard for the for the statutory guidance for September 2026 alongside the non-statutory guidance on school uniform. At Farnborough Road Infant School uniform helps to build a sense of identity and community among our pupils and with their school. However, we ensure that this is affordable taking into account the total cost of uniform with branded items being kept to a minimum with no more than 3 items branded in uniform or PE Kit. These branded items are also non-compulsory.

Farnborough Road Infant School will continue to support the Uniform Hub through Compassion Acts with the donation of uniform being collected for the charity in the Infant Foyer. The Uniform Hub will in turn be promoted with parents through Class Dojo and the school Newsletters to support parents in acquiring second-hand uniforms. Pre-Loved Uniform will also be freely available to all parents through First Steps Family Wellbeing Hub and at through the PTFA at the Summer Fair. Information on second-hand uniforms is clear and available to parents of both current and prospective pupils, and is published on the school's website.

Branded uniform items can be purchased from the school shop below or from local uniform retailers. All non-branded items of uniform can be purchased from a wide variety of shops and online stores.

Pre-loved uniform is also available from the Family Wellbeing Hub at all times during the school year as well as the local Uniform Hub through Compassion Acts.

Please pop into the Family Wellbeing Centre or email the Headteacher for any support needed with school uniform.

In the Juniors

Junior pupils only may wear white shirts and school ties.

Mobile Phones, toys or any other electrical equipment are not allowed in school.

This policy will be reviewed regularly.

Updated November 2025

Signed _____ Date _____ Headteacher.

Signed _____ Date _____ Chair of Governors.