

Harwich Community Primary School and Nursery



Uniform Policy

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The Department for Education strongly encourages schools to have a uniform. A uniform helps to develop a sense of belonging to the school and prevents competition and additional cost to parents. We have found that wearing school colours supports us in maintaining our high standards of behaviour. For health and safety reasons children must have a change of clothes for PE.

As well as being practical and smart, we believe that a sensible uniform policy will reinforce a positive learning environment and help promote a unified school spirit and inspire a sense of pride in Harwich Community Primary School. It is our policy that children wear uniform that complies with this policy when attending and representing our school in an organised event, either during or outside normal school hours.

This uniform policy does not include any significant changes to the requirements of clothing items, but it does provide important clarification of what is appropriate with regards to other items such as bags, shoes, trainers and jewellery.

The role of parents / carers

We expect parents and carers to work in partnership with us to ensure they comply with the requirements of the school's uniform policy. Parents and Carers are also expected to send their children to school in clothing that is clean, well-fitting and well presented.

School uniform suppliers

Parents/carers may choose to purchase items of school uniform with or without the school logo. However, we do strongly encourage children to have at least one jumper/cardigan and P.E t-shirt, with the school logo in order that they can be easily identified as a member of our School at external events such as school trips or sports events. All uniform items can be sourced from multiple best value shops and, for non-logo items, the School does not recognise or endorse a particular supplier. For parents/carers who do wish to purchase items with the School logo on them, our branded supplier is <https://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk/harwich-community-primary-school-204-c.asp>

Pre-loved uniform items

We support the use of pre-loved items. Good condition school uniform items that are no longer required can be donated to the School's PTA. These items will be available to purchase for a small amount from regular PTA stalls, set up throughout the year. We also have pre-loved shoes that other children have grown out of and we are happy to supply children with these, free of charge, if their shoes are in disrepair or poor condition.

Uniform

Item	Description	Additional Notes
top	black sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper	ideally with logo, but plain black is accepted
shirt	white short sleeved polo shirt or white shirt	Polo shirts are recommended for the younger children
trousers / skirt / dress	grey / black trousers / shorts or skirt / pinafore dresses / summer dresses Gingham / checked dresses black and white or navy and white only (including Nursery)	- in summer, grey/black shorts or checked gingham dress may be worn - no black jeans or cords
socks / tights	plain white / grey / black	- should be a plain, block colour - white / grey / black leggings worn as tights are acceptable underneath skirts or dresses

footwear	black shoes or closed toe shoes	- no trainers - no flip flops/ beach sandals/ crocs - no heels
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PE Kit

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t-shirt	indoor: plain white t-shirt (short sleeved) outdoor: as above, plus fleece / warm top	- this should be a round-necked top, not a collared polo-shirt (must not be same shirt as that worn in class) - t-shirts with school logo are available NO FOOTBALL SHIRTS
shorts	black shorts	
tracksuit bottoms	black tracksuit bottoms/ leggings	for outside PE
footwear	indoor: black plimsolls outdoor: trainers	

Labelling Clothers / Lost Property

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Every week, we gather lots of lost property - please help us to reduce this amount. We have a company called Stickins who provide named labels. Here is the link. [Name Labels For School Clothes. Stick On Name Labels: Stikins ®](#). It is essential that all items of clothing / property is labelled up as the school cannot accept responsibility for any items lost or damaged.

Book Bags and caps

Book bags and caps are available to purchase from the school office

Hair: Long hair should be tied back (this is so that it does not distract from learning and for hygiene reasons). Hairstyles should not be attention seeking e.g. extreme styles such as sculptured names symbols, mohicans or dyed hair are neither appropriate or acceptable for children of primary school age.

Jewellery and make-up: Jewellery is limited to a plain watch (avoid expensive watches) and plain stud earrings (no more than 4mm wide). It is essential that children are able to remove any permitted items of jewellery by themselves for PE to prevent any potential injuries from occurring. No makeup, including nail varnish and no temporary tattoos.

Non-uniform days: Occasionally, we have non-uniform days. Pupils should dress appropriately; revealing clothes, high-heeled shoes and make-up are not appropriate, even on non-uniform days.