

Thornaby Church of England Primary School



Uniform Policy 2022-2024

Updated in line with DfE Statutory Guidance - Cost of School Uniforms,
November 2021

Mission Statement:

Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at Parish and Diocesan level.

The School aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

Walking and learning with faith in the footsteps of Jesus

School Aims:

Thornaby Church of England Primary School students wear their uniform and the school logo with pride. Our uniform shows that we are part of the Thornaby Church of England School community. We have the highest expectations from our students with regards to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards enhance pupils' school pride, community spirit and family ethos and promotes positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of the school.

The school is using legislation from Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021 and the DfE guidance from November 2021 which states:

By creating a common identity amongst all pupils, regardless of background, a school uniform can act as a social leveller. It can reduce bullying and peer pressure to wear the latest fashions or other expensive clothes. If, however, the uniform is too expensive it can place an unreasonable burden on families. Furthermore, if a distinction can be made between those who can afford it and those who cannot, this can reduce the benefits of a uniform and has the potential to negatively impact attendance, access and participation, and lead to bullying.

Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. No school uniform should be so expensive as to leave pupils or their families feeling unable to apply to, or attend, a school of their choice. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniforms are affordable.

LIMITING THE COST OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary.
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible, for example it is optional for sweatshirts/t-shirts to be purchased with the logo.
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities

- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

EXPECTATIONS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Although it is not obligatory, most children elect to wear our school uniform. We actively encourage this as the Staff feel that the wearing of a simple and relatively inexpensive school uniform helps to create a good community spirit within the school. All items of clothing must be clearly labelled with the child's name.

Branded items that can be bought can be ordered from Motif8. All other items can be purchased from a range of shops. Our uniform consists of the following:

- Red sweatshirt or red cardigan with or without school logo
- White polo shirt with or without school logo or white school shirt
- Grey trousers/grey skirt/grey pinafore dress
- Grey socks/white socks
- Sensible plain flat black shoes
- Fleece jacket – if required
- Waterproof jacket/coat
- Grey shorts/red gingham dress in the summer

Nursery pupils can wear navy or grey tracksuit bottoms as an alternative to trousers which makes it easier for toileting and movement.

PE KIT

We require that our pupils wear their kit for PE activities. They need an appropriately labelled PE kit consisting of the following:

- trainers
- white socks
- plain white T-shirt
- navy blue or black shorts
- non marking plimsols
- navy blue or black tracksuit for outdoor PE (no hoodies) in cold weather and trainers.

If a child does not have their PE kit, they will need to borrow a kit if one is available, and a parent will be informed.

Pre-loved uniform

The school has a wide range of second hand pre-loved uniform which is available to any parent or child within school free of charge. This includes branded uniform containing the school logo. If parents would

like, they can email the school admin@thornaby.dalesmat.org, or contact the school office/members of staff, or alternatively the school has an open door policy, whereby parent/carers can come into school and speak to a member of staff. The school has a list of items and sizes available.

General note on appearance:

Shirts or t-shirts should be tucked in at all times.

Jewellery:

For reasons of safety jewellery such as, earrings, necklaces, rings or bracelets, should not be worn or brought into school.

If pupils in EY/KS1/KS2 have pierced ears, ONE pair of discreet studs may be worn. It is preferable that **earrings are removed for PE lessons** for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove the earrings themselves, they should not come to school with them in on PE days. If earrings are not able to be removed, these must be taped up safely for PE and other vigorous activity. Children cannot swim or do gymnastics wearing earrings.

No other body piercings are allowed.

Hairstyles:

Hair should be one natural colour, NO hair dye.

Long hair MUST be tied back.

Children must NOT wear:

Hoodies, sportswear or sweatshirts.

Any kind of boots (wellingtons or snow boots (**NOT fashion boots**) are allowed in wet weather/snow but is advisable to be changed when inside the school buildings).

Leather or denim clothing.

Trainers are NOT allowed to be worn at any time other than for PE lessons and clubs.

Make up and nail varnish should NOT be worn to school.

Non-compliance with the uniform and appearance policy:

Parents of students who do not wear the correct uniform will be contacted and any issues will be discussed.

Students who wear jewellery will be required to remove these. Items of jewellery will be confiscated by the teacher to be collected by the parent/carers.

Please support the school's uniform policy. If there are exceptional circumstances as to why you are not able to follow the policy, please come and speak to a member of staff.

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