

Hawthorn Community Primary School



Uniform Policy

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(Chair of Governors)

Date: Nov 2022

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(Headteacher and DSL)

Date: 25.9.22

1. Introduction

At Hawthorn Community Primary School, we consider it important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging to our school. We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children, regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also believe it is important for children to wear clothing that is conducive to a successful learning environment, including activity-appropriate clothing, such as sports attire.

We are committed to promoting equality and value for money and to ensuring that no child is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background. This policy contains provisions to meet these objectives and has been created with health and safety, value for money and practicality at its heart.

2. Cost and Availability

Hawthorn Community Primary School ensures that the School Uniform Policy does not discourage parents/carers from applying for a place for their child. The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money as outlined in the [Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101221/cost-of-school-uniforms-2021.pdf) document dated November 2021 and every care is taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers. The school works with multiple suppliers to obtain the best value for money possible and parents are advised that uniform can be purchased via local supermarkets or clothing retailers as alternatives to the educational suppliers listed below. The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes the views of parents/carers and pupils into account when considering changes to school uniforms. Where changes are required, the school ensures that assistance is provided to parents/carers struggling to meet the associated costs.

Uniform can be purchased via the following suppliers:

- www.myclothing.com
- Karl Sports [Home - Karlsports](http://www.karlsports.co.uk)

3. Our Uniform

Our uniform is as follows:

- Bottle green cardigan, sweatshirt or jumper (with or without the school logo)
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- In summer months a green and white check dress or playsuit
- Black, sensible shoes (not trainers)
- Grey, black or white socks
- Grey, black or white tights
- Green book bag for EYFS and KS1 (with or without the logo)

Open-toed sandals and large, thick boots are not considered suitable footwear for school. High heels are not permitted: sensible, plain black shoes must be worn by both boys and girls. Black jeans and leggings are not permitted in day-to-day uniform. **All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.**

Our PE uniform is as follows and is to be worn on all PE days:

- Plain, black joggers, leggings or shorts
- White t-shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Black hoodie (with or without the school logo)
- Plain, suitable trainers

Sporting events

- Children should wear the logoed hoodie for all sporting events in which they are representing the school, to ensure easy identification. To ensure we are not disadvantaging any child from participating in these events, logoed hoodies can be borrowed from school for this purpose.

4. Hair, make-up and jewellery.

Hairstyles should be smart and moderate in style; brightly coloured hair is not permitted. Long hair should be tied up to avoid health and safety risks and ensure that children's vision is not impeded. Large, excessive hair accessories should not be worn; however, small hair clips or plain headbands are acceptable.

The only jewellery that may be worn is:

- One pair of stud earrings
- A sensible wristwatch (no smartwatches)

Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded. **Children should not wear any jewellery on their PE/swimming lesson days**, as it will have to be removed prior to the session.

Children are not permitted to wear tattoo transfers or make up to school, this includes coloured nail varnish.

There may be exceptions to the above guidelines due to medical or religious grounds and these exceptions must be discussed with the Head teacher.

5. School bags, lunchboxes, and water bottles.

Pupils must use an appropriately sized waterproof bag to carry their books and equipment. It should hold children's books and reading journals comfortably without causing any damage. Children in EYFS and KS1 should bring a small bookbag into school. Large bags / large rucksacks are discouraged for day-to-day lessons due to space on children's pegs. In KS2 children may bring a small rucksack to school, however the bag must be of a size to fit inside the school lockers. School bags featuring inappropriate images, slogans or phrases are not permitted. The school encourages pupils to bring non-valuable bags to school. The school will not be liable for lost or damaged school bags.

Children should be provided with a bottle of water each day. These should be of a suitable size and refillable so children are able to have access to a drink when needed. Cups will be provided in all classrooms to ensure that those who do not have their own water bottle are able to have the same access to drinking water during the day.

Lunchboxes should be of a standard size that fit inside lockers and they should be cleaned regularly to ensure that they are hygienic. Free school lunches are available for all children who are eligible.

6. Second hand uniform

At Hawthorn Community Primary School, we are committed to support sustainability as well as supporting our families with the financial outlay of school uniform. We endeavour to hold regular second-hand uniform sales and these will be held on the school playground and advertised through the weekly newsletter. We strive to take away the stigma of purchasing second-hand uniform and ensure all purchases are treated with respect.