School Uniform Policy

FOREST VIEW SCHOOL

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Forest View Primary School is committed to promoting equality and value for money, and to ensuring that no pupil is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background – this policy contains provisions to meet these objectives.

This policy has been created with health and safety, value for money and practicality at its heart. It has been designed to ensure pupils wear clothing conducive to a successful learning environment.

It is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging and community through a smart and practical uniform. We believe a uniform allows all pupils, regardless of background, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also believe it is important for activities to be facilitated by appropriate clothing such as sports-specific attire.

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Department for Education's statutory guidance 'Cost of School Uniforms' (updated July 2026) and the non-statutory guidance 'School Uniforms: Guidance for Schools' (updated July 2026). The school seeks to ensure that uniform requirements are reasonable, affordable and inclusive and that compulsory branded items are kept to the minimum permitted by law.

Roles and responsibilities

The governing board is responsible for:

- Establishing, in consultation with the headteacher and school community, a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring that equal opportunities are considered regarding the school's uniform and that no person is discriminated against.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable.

The headteacher is responsible for:

- Enforcing the school's uniform on a day-to-day basis.
- Ensuring that teachers understand this policy and what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community in regard to the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the governing board.
- Deciding when a pupil may be exempt from wearing school uniform, e.g. for a pupil who has a broken arm and requires a loose-fitting top.

Teachers are responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.
- Disciplining pupils who are in breach of this policy.
- Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important, e.g. school identity.

Parents are responsible for:

- Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy.
- Informing the headteacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform policy for a period

of time, including why.
- Ensuring that their child's uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Wearing the correct uniform at all times, unless the headteacher has granted an exemption.
- Looking after their uniform as appropriate.
- Understanding and respecting why a school uniform is important to the school, e.g. school identity and community.

Cost and availability

- In accordance with the School Admissions Code, the school ensures that the school's uniform policy does not discourage parents from applying for a place for their child.
- The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money. 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.
- Parents may purchase uniform from a retailer of their choice. The school periodically reviews uniform requirements to ensure they remain affordable.
- The school does not enter into exclusive single supplier contracts or cash-back arrangements.
- The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes the views of parents and pupils into account when considering changes to school uniforms.
- Where wholesale changes are required, the school ensures that assistance is provided to parents struggling to meet the associated costs.
- No pupil will be disadvantaged or sanctioned where non-compliance results from financial hardship. The school will work with families to resolve issues sensitively.

Religious clothing

- Some religions and beliefs require their members to conform to a specific dress code. The school does not discriminate against any religion or belief; however, the school weighs the needs and rights of individual pupils against the cohesion and health and safety concerns of the entire school community.
- The school endeavours to allow religious requirements to be met where possible.
- Parents' concerns and requests regarding religious clothing are dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the headteacher and governing board, and always in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.

Equality

- The school is required to ensure that this policy does not discriminate unlawfully.
- The school endeavours to ensure that our uniform is as gender neutral and inclusive as possible.
- Pupils identifying as a member of the opposite sex are able to adapt the school uniform.

Complaints and challenges

- The school endeavours to resolve all uniform complaints and challenges locally and informally, in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.
- To make a complaint, parents should refer to the Complaints Procedures Policy and follow the stipulations outlined.
- When a complaint is received, the school works with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- Governors are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility to allow a pupil to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances.

School uniform supplier

Our school uniform supplier is:

- Nationwide School Uniforms
- https://www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk/school-uniform/primary-school/forest -view-primary-school
- Nationwide School Uniforms Limited, Vale Road, Spilsby. Lincolnshire, PE23 5HE ● Tel: 01790 754522 Email: sales@nsuniforms.co.uk

The school does not require any branded uniform items. Parents may purchase all uniform items from a retailer of their choice provided they meet the colour and style requirements set out in this policy. The supplier listed above offers optional uniform items should parents wish to purchase them.

Uniform assistance

- The school supports vulnerable families in meeting the costs of uniforms. Families should contact the school if they are struggling financially to meet the costs of purchasing new school uniform.
- The school runs a second hand uniform shop. Families can contact the school office to find out if their child's size is in stock and what the cost of each item is.

Non-compliance

- Teachers are permitted to support pupils to comply with this policy and addressing instances of non-compliance in accordance with the school's behaviour policy.
- In line with the school's behaviour policy, the age and aptitude of the pupil is taken into consideration before deciding upon a suitable sanction.
- Parents will be contacted if a child is wilfully and regularly breaching the school's uniform policy or a child's clothing is unsuitable for school.

The uniform

- The school endeavours to ensure that our uniform is as gender neutral as possible.
- Pupils who identify as the opposite sex to their birth sex are permitted to wear the uniform which they feel most comfortable in.
- The school complies with statutory requirements limiting compulsory branded uniform items. The school does not have any requirements for branded items to be worn.
- The school's required uniform is as follows:
    - Royal Blue Sweatshirt or Cardigan
    - White Polo Shirt with Blue Stripe or a Plain White Polo Shirt or a

light blue polo shirt.
    - Black or Grey Skirt or Trousers

- The school's optional summer uniform is as follows:
    - Black or Grey Shorts
    - Royal Blue Check Dress

- Footwear
    - Trainers can be worn for PE or if the teacher has told the children to wear trainers on a particular day.
    - Children are also permitted to wear dark trainers if they are more active at playtimes.
    - When not wearing trainers, children should wear black/dark shoes.
    - Pupils who are wearing skirts should also wear black or grey tights.

- **Additional School Uniform Notes**
    - High heels are not permitted; however, block heels of no more than 3 cm can be worn.
    - Skirts should be knee-length.
    - Jeans are not permitted.

- **PE kits are as follows:**
    - Dark shorts
    - School jumper
    - Plain white/light blue T-Shirt
    - Dark jogging bottoms/plain leggings (optional)
    - Daps/plimsolls/trainers
    - Parents are responsible for ensuring their child attends school in their correct PE kit on PE days.
    - EYFS should bring their PE kit to school in a bag with them as self-care/dressing forms part of the EYFS curriculum

Jewellery

- The only permitted jewellery that may be worn is:
- One pair of stud earrings – no other piercings are permitted.
- A smart/sensible wrist watch.
- Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded.
- All jewellery must be removed or taped up during practical lessons, e.g. during PE lessons and science experiments.

Hairstyles

- Hairstyles should be suitable for school and not create a health and safety risk. The school recognises natural afro-textured hair, protective styles, locs, braids, twists and cultural hairstyles.
- Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face or provide a health and safety risk.
- Long hair must be tied up during practical lessons, e.g. during PE.
- Bandana style headbands and flowers/bows or excessive hair accessories are not to be

worn; however, plain hair clips or bands are acceptable.

- Hair extensions should be appropriate for school and should not create a health and safety concern or significantly alter the natural appearance of the uniform.

Make-up

- False nails and nail extensions are not permitted.
- Only clear nail varnish may be worn.
- No pupil is allowed to wear make-up.
- Pupils wearing make-up are required to remove it. Parents may be contacted if a child repeatedly wears make-up to school.
- There may be exceptions to the above in extreme circumstances, at the headteacher's discretion, e.g. a pupil may be permitted to cover heavy scarring/skin damage.

Adverse weather

- During hot weather, lightweight clothing is required to reduce the risk of overheating. Pupils are advised not to wear their jumpers during heatwaves.
- If outside during break times, pupils not wearing sun-safe clothing are advised to stay in shaded areas.
- Pupils are encouraged to wear sunglasses with UV protection.
- During cold weather, pupils are required to wear scarfs, gloves, coats and hats when they are outside.
- If the school opens in adverse weather, school uniform will usually be relaxed and children allowed to attend wearing suitable clothing for the conditions.
- Pupils are permitted to wear long jogging bottoms and plain hoodies/jumpers during PE in cold weather.

Labelling

- All pupils' clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with their name.
- Any lost clothing is be taken to the lost property box in the school office. All lost property is retained for one month and is disposed of if it is not collected within this time.