



Springmoor Grange School

Uniform Policy

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers.
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010.
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform.
- Ensure that the uniform considers health, safety and comfort research matching DFE guidelines.

2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, the school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender.
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils.
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back).
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable.
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons.
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols.
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Miss Bowden (Headteacher) who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Springmoor Grange 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.
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items.
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability.
- 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.

4. Expectations for Uniform

4.1 Our Uniform

Uniform	
Early Years (Nursery and Reception)	Purple Sweatshirt or Cardigan Yellow Polo Shirt Black/Grey Joggers (Nursery) Grey Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore Purple Checked Summer Dresses Trainers (Nursery) Black Shoes – these must be waterproof to protect children's feet. Fabric shoes and crocs are not allowed. Children can wear black training shoes but they must be fully black and have no logos.)
Years 1, 2, 3 and 4	Purple Sweatshirt or Cardigan White Polo Shirt Grey Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore Purple Checked Summer Dresses Black Shoes – these must be waterproof to protect children's feet. Fabric shoes and crocs are not allowed. Children can wear black training shoes but they must be fully black and have no logos.
Years 5 and 6	Purple V Neck Jumper or Cardigan White Cotton Shirt School Tie Grey Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore

	Purple Checked Summer Dresses Black Shoes – these must be waterproof to protect children’s feet. Fabric shoes and crocs are not allowed. Children can wear black training shoes but they must be fully black and have no logos.
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4.2 PE Uniform

The children from Reception to Year 6 need the following PE kit:

- White T Shirt.
- Black, navy or grey jogging bottoms.
- Trainers – this must be a change of shoes to the ones they wear with their uniform.

When the children are swimming, they need to wear:

- Swimming costume or swimming trunks.
- Swimming hat.

4.3 Other Uniform Information:

Jewellery

Children can wear one stud in each ear but this be removed for PE lessons. Children can also wear a watch, however this must not be an electronic device.

Hair Styles

Children must have an appropriate hair style. Long hair is allowed but we have the right to ask for this to be tied up. Examples of inappropriate and unsuitable include use of tramlines, patterns shaved into the hair and brightly coloured hair.

Nails

Nails must be kept hygienic, a safe length and not have nail polish on or acrylic nail extensions. This is for health and safety reasons. If children are not following this, parents will be informed and they will not be allowed to complete activities that are deemed unsafe such as PE until the nails have been removed.

Make Up

Make up should not be worn by the children.

5. Buying Logo Uniform

Children do not need to have branded logo uniform – this is optional.

Uniform items with logos can be purchased from the following:

<https://shop.caembroidery.co.uk/product-category/school/springmoor-grange-school/>

We also have a Uniform Bank which has lots of donated uniform – it is open to anyone who would like to access it and the use of it will be treated with confidence. To access this service please contact the School Office.

In addition, the Team Solan shop in Spennymoor Town Centre also stocks pre-loved uniform which parents/carers can access through contacting them directly.

6. Expectations for our school community

6.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact Anna Bowden (Headteacher) if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

6.2 Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents and carers are also expected to contact Anna Bowden (Headteacher) if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally

Dealt with in accordance with our School's Complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

6.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply but will follow up with the Headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by member of the Senior Leadership Team.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

6.4 Governors

The Governing Body will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context.
- Is implemented fairly across the school.
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils.
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils.

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

7. Monitoring Arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by Anna Bowden (Headteacher). At every review, it will be approved by the Governing Body or a relevant committee.

8. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy.
- Equality information and objectives statement.
- Anti-bullying policy.
- Complaints policy.