

Highfield Primary School



Uniform Policy

September 2024

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Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

We have a required school uniform for several reasons:

- Uniforms unite the school. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their Highfield uniform they will abide by the rules of the community.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. We are focused on achieving success. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is the potential to talk about fashions and styles rather than learning.
- Uniforms make us all equal. Whether families have high incomes or low incomes, the pupils come to school looking the same way. No one has to feel bad about the clothes they have or don't have.
- Uniforms look professional. Pupils look neat and ready to learn.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

The school's Governing Body decide the policy for school uniform which is reviewed periodically and request that the policy is adhered to by all families in a consistent way.

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that the school uniform policy is adhered to. Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear the correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform into school. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the correct item of uniform they are missing for the day. There may be good reasons why a pupil is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the class teacher either in person or by letter. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. We encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties. There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event or a topic activity day. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of the revised dress code on these days.

UNIFORM

*'Branded' is with the logo and non-branded is without the logo

* Some school wear may be purchased from second hand shops such as grey uniform as this is widely used.

		
Branded jumper with school logo	Branded cardigan with school logo	
		
Branded polo shirt with school logo	These are unbranded and are acceptable alternative polo shirts	
		
Summer time only and available from a range of providers		



Physical Education Kit



PE Kit should be worn by children all day on P.E. days. PE days will be once or twice per week. Children in Reception will not require to wear PE in the Autumn term and this will be phased in from the Spring Term.

Footwear

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, all black plain shoes with a flat sole. Footwear with flashing lights are strongly discouraged. Boots are not allowed. Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term. In the case of extreme weather children can wear boots to school but must change into a pair of shoes on arrival to school.

Pupils can wear trainers or black plimsolls for outdoor PE lessons.

For Reception pupils, parents are kindly asked to buy shoes without laces.

Acceptable		Unacceptable	
			
		 NO HEELS	
			
			
			

School Bags



School Book Bags are on sale at the school office priced at £5 each.

Satchel style school bags for junior children are on sale at the school office priced at £7.50 each.



Draw string bags are for children to bring in kit for extra-curricular activities or special events. They are on sale at the school office at £5 each.

****Non branded small rucksacks are acceptable, large rucksacks are not allowed***

Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as equality, race relations and sex discrimination. Highfield Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential. Minor adjustments to the standard school uniform are accepted for religious reasons but these should be discussed with the Head teacher or Deputy Head Teacher in the first instance. For example, if a child chooses to wear a headscarf it must be **plain black** or **Highfield Blue** with no embellishments. If children want to wear leggings under any garments such as skirts, they need to wear **grey** leggings.

Outdoor clothing

Pupils should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the warmer weather. Hats, scarves and boots should not to be worn inside the school buildings. Sun hats or caps should be worn outside during the hotter summer months.

Hairstyles

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and tidy at all times. Long hair on both girls and boys should be tied back neatly. Pupils may not wear designs or words cut into their hair or permanent or temporary coloured hair. Small, blue hair bows and headbands (blue and white check in the summer) are permitted. Other bright and oversized hair accessories are not permitted.



Fingernail Polish or Make-Up

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is also not allowed.

Jewellery/Accessories

Pupils may wear a watch (with no sound effects, cameras or games) and may wear one pair of small, stud earrings which must be worn in the lower ear lobe. All studs must be removed for PE by the pupil or taken out at home. Studs earrings that cannot be removed by the pupil for PE lessons will be covered with a plaster or tape.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
 	   
 	 

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.

Naming Clothing and Property

VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables. Printed name labels can be ordered from the school's uniform supplier.

Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in one of two lost property bins. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through one of these. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is put out for parents periodically throughout the year. At the end of every term, all unclaimed items of uniform will be disposed of.

School Uniform Suppliers

Our school uniform suppliers are:

 Whittakers Highfield Primary School Archives - Whittakers School Wear	 Contract Schoolwear  Contract Schoolwear.htm Highfield Primary School, Farnworth, Bolton (contract-schoolwear.co.uk)
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 https://www.smartschoolwear.co.uk/

#Please note some suppliers add extra items onto the school page that are not necessary to buy, if you need clarification contact the school office.

Parents may:

- Visit the hyper linked websites above and order directly and have the items delivered to your door,
- Visit the Whittakers or Smart Clothing shops in Bolton or email Contract Schoolwear