

Altrincham Church of England Primary School



School Uniform Policy

April 2021

1. Introduction

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations of achievement. Our school uniform is important to us and as such it is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take pride in their appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from www.myembroiderysupplies.co.uk, whilst the majority are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets.

1. Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Looks professional and promotes a sense of pride in our school. Pupils take a pride in their appearance and are ready to learn.
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards our school
- Supports our commitment to inclusion
- Prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could become a distraction from learning and means no one has to feel bad about the clothes they do or don't have
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered good value for money by most parents

2. The Role of Parents

We ask parents and carers to support our school uniform policy by choosing appropriate clothing and footwear for their child to wear at school. All parents sign a Home-School Agreement when their child joins the school which says, "I will ensure my child wears the correct school uniform and has the correct equipment, encouraging them to take pride in their work and appearance at school." We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason in fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to the class teacher or a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all that we can to help and support you. For example, children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new stock, to wear that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Altrincham CE Primary School is an inclusive school who welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. We believe all children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. If there are reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, such as on religious grounds or due to SEND sensory needs, the school will work closely with parents and will carefully consider all requests. ACE is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from intimidation and harassment so that all our pupils reach their full potential. Any parent requiring a modification to the uniform policy should contact the Head Teacher, Mrs Kirsty Chrysler, in the first instance.

If your child receives Pupil Premium Funding, the school will endeavour to support you with purchasing school uniform if required. Please speak to a member of the office staff in the first instance or contact the Head Teacher.

3. The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets the regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- Considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

4. The Role of Staff

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that the school uniform policy is adhered to. 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. In line with our school values, 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 part of a fund raising activity or topic based activity days. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of the revised dress codes on these days.

5. Jewellery and Accessories

Pupils may wear a watch (with no sound effects, cameras or games) and may wear one pair of small stud earrings. All stud earrings must be removed for PE by the pupil or taken out at home. Stud earrings that cannot be removed by the pupil for PE lessons will be covered with a plaster or tape. ***Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.***

6. 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.

7. 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 the year, all unclaimed items will be disposed of.

8. School Uniform List

Our school uniform is a combination of white and blue. Most items can be bought from high street shops/supermarkets. Items marked with * below, some of which have the embroidered school logo, can be purchased from our school uniform supplier, if you wish. Our Office Staff will be pleased to help you.

Our School Uniform Supplier:

My embroidery Supplies

www.myembroiderysupplies.co.uk

sales@myembroiderysupplies.co.uk

Tel: 07779234338

All children in Nursery should choose from:

*Jumper, *cardigan, *fleece, dark joggers/leggings/skirt

All children from Reception –Year 6 should choose from:

*Jumper, *cardigan, *fleece, *shirt/polo shirt, trousers, skirt, pinafore, summer uniform, socks/tights etc.



Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to fasten independently and which would allow them to run around safely on the playground. We do allow pupils to wear plain black, non-branded trainers for this reason.

If boots are worn, these should be plain black. Children who wear boots that prevent them from sitting comfortably on the floor may be asked to wear their PE shoes inside the building.

For PE all children, Reception to Year 6, should have:

*PE bag

Pale blue polo T-shirt

*Navy hoodie

Navy PE shorts or track suit bottoms

Plimsolls/trainers. Velcro fastenings are essential for younger children.

On days where PE is on the timetable, children are allowed to come to school in their PE kit. All PE kits should be free from any logo or brand name. For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed. Additionally, long hair must be tied back.

Uniform Comparison and Costs 2021 -22

Company	Polo shirts White/Blue	Shirts	Trousers	Skirts	Jumper	Cardigan	Fleece	Navy Shorts	Navy Hoodie
Asda	2 pack From £2.50 From 6 years £3.00	Boys from £3.50 Girls £3.00 5 pack £7.50	2 pack elastic waist £6 - £8 girls and boys	2 pack skater style £6 Pleated £7	Colour 'Cobolt' From £4.00	From £4.00	From £4.00 - £5.00	-	From £4.00 up to £5.00
TU	Pack of 3 Unisex from £3.50	Pack of 3 £4 to £6.00	From £5.00	2 pack skater style £6 Pleated £7	2 pack from £4.00	2 pack from £6.00	-	-	-
Matalan	5 pack £7.95 up to £12.50	2 pack - £4 to £7.00 5 Pack £10 to £7.50	2 pack from £10.00 to £14.00	Pleated £8 to £14.00 Jersey (?) £6 to £10.00	-	-	-	-	-
Tesco	Pack of 2 from £2.50	Pack of 2 long sleeved from £3.50	<u>Approx £8</u>	Pack of 2 from £6	Pack of 2 from £4	Pack of 2 from £8	-	-	-
Embroidery Supplies	From £7.95	-	From £11.50	Junior pleated £12.50	From £10.95 with Logo	From £12.95 with Logo	From £14.50 with Logo	From £7.50 to £8.50	£14.95