

Vigo Primary School



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

This policy has been approved and adopted by the Governing Body in May 2020 and will be reviewed in May 2023.

Introduction

At Vigo Primary School it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is included in this policy, and is displayed on the school website.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- creates a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears, small discreet watches (without any form of recording device) and small objects of religious significance.

We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with 'micro pore'.

Medical bracelets and medical necklaces are exempt from these rules.

Make up and nail varnish

Make up and nail varnish are not permitted to be worn in school.

Extreme haircuts

Haircuts should be appropriate for school and not classed as 'extreme' e.g. completely shaved heads; shaved designs; Mohawk cuts, dyed hair.

Hair accessories such as hair bands should be discreet, e.g. no oversized bows. Hair that reaches at least the shoulders should be tied up.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe, black footwear. Boots should not be worn unless with prior consent. Trainers may be worn for PE and at lunchtimes only.

PE

Our P.E. kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and black shorts. Children will also need trainers for PE lessons. Pupils require dark coloured tracksuit bottoms and jumpers for colder weather. All pupils need to ensure that their PE kit is in school. If girls wear tights to school, they need to pack a pair of white socks for PE.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy and send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

The school is fully inclusive of children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

If families are struggling to afford the cost of our school uniform, at the school's discretion we will support families in meeting these costs. All children entitled to current Free School Meals will receive a free school jumper at the start of each academic year.

The role of governors

The Governing Body regularly monitors and reviews the school uniform policy. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Uniform

Boys

Item	Compulsory	Other info
Grey sweatshirt		Children may wear a plain grey school jumper available from supermarkets
White shirt or polo shirt	X	
Black trousers or shorts	X	
White, black or grey socks	X	
Black shoes or plain black trainers	x	During extreme weather wellies / boots may be worn to school, but changed for school shoes when the pupils arrive at school.

Girls

Item	Compulsory	Other info
Grey sweatshirt		Children may wear a plain grey school jumper available from supermarkets
White shirt or polo shirt	X	
Black skirt (knee length), pinafore or tailored black trousers	X	
White, black or grey	X	

socks or tights		
Black shoes or plain black trainers	x	During extreme weather wellies / boots may be worn to school, but changed for school shoes when the pupils arrive at school.
In summer months a purple and white checked school dress may be worn		

In Year 6 all children will be given a school tie to show they are at the top of the school and are in a position of responsibility and where other children look up to them. Year 6 will be required to wear a white shirt with a top button to accommodate a tie.

It is important that we fully prepare children for future life where they may be required to wear a uniform or conform to a strict dress code in work. Maintaining a suitable School Uniform Policy, ensures that they are well-equipped to understand these high expectations.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion:

At Vigo Primary School, we aim to ensure that no member of the school community experiences harassment, less favourable treatment or discrimination within the learning environment because of their age; any disability they may have; their ethnicity, colour or national origin; their gender; their religion or beliefs. We value the diversity of individuals within our school and do not discriminate against anyone on any grounds. We believe that all our children matter and we value their families too. Where needed on medical, cultural or religious grounds, we will adapt our uniform policy.

We give our children every opportunity to achieve their best by taking account of our children's range of life experiences when devising and implementing school policies and procedures.