# Uniform Policy

Puriton Primary School

***Our mission is to provide each child with a creative and engaging education, which inspires confidence and resilience with a love of learning. By challenging and encouraging children to thrive and achieve as individuals, we aim to prepare them to be successful, compassionate and responsible citizens of the future***

**Puriton Primary School actively promotes equal opportunities for all learners whatever their age, gender, ethnicity, disability, attainment and background. We will pay particular attention to the provision for and achievement of all in our school policies and action plans.**

**POLICY REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed at least every two years to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of the school community and statutory requirements.

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## 1. Aims and Objectives

At Puriton Primary School, it is our policy that all children wear school uniform at all times or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. It is 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 with fulfilling this request, then they are asked to speak confidentially to their child's class teacher or senior member of staff. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to support them.

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school

- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- is considered good value for money by most parents

Puriton Primary School is committed to ensuring that the cost of school uniform is reasonable and secures the best value for money for families. In developing and reviewing the uniform policy, the school and governing body will consider affordability and the availability of second-hand uniform.

Where a pupil does not comply with the uniform policy, the school will work sensitively with families to understand the reasons and provide support where appropriate. Pupils will not be excluded from school solely for breaches of the uniform policy.

## 2. School Uniform List

The following is a list of our compulsory school uniform. Only one optional branded item is identified within the uniform list. Parents may purchase uniform with or without the school logo

Children can wear:
- **grey/dark grey/black** bottoms – this may be shorts, trousers, knee-length skirt/culottes or knee-length pinafore dress (not jeans, leggings or tracksuits)
- **white** blouse/shirt or **white/maroon** polo shirt
- **maroon** sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper/fleece (school logo optional – no hoodies)
- **grey/black/maroon** tights or **grey/black/white** socks
- during the summer months, knee-length **maroon** gingham striped dresses may be worn

Specific branded uniform with the school logo can be purchased from:
SouthWest Schoolwear, 14 – 16 Eastover, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 5AB, 01278 420618.
www.swschoolwear.co.uk
Parents are not required to purchase uniform from the named supplier except where they choose to purchase branded items.

At Puriton Primary School, we expect all children to wear their school uniform each day. Occasionally, we have non-uniform days, but we will always let you know of these occasions well in advance.

We try to use our wonderful outside areas in all weathers, so please ensure your child comes to school with a suitable coat.

The children need to have in school on their PE days their PE kit. This will consist of:
- a PE bag
- **White** round-neck T-shirt (not polo shirts, no buttons or zips)
- **Black** Shorts
- In Autumn/Winter, children may prefer to wear **plain black, grey or burgundy** tracksuit bottoms or plain black leggings instead of shorts
- **Black daps** (gym shoes) or plain **black or white trainers** (please note these must be Velcro, if they can't tie their laces and no 'high top' trainers allowed)

- A separate **plain black, grey or burgundy** round-neck jumper (no zips, no buttons, and no hoods).

For hygiene reasons, the separate jumper needs to be in their PE kit to be used for PE activities only. The children should not be wearing the same jumper they came to school in that day, for PE.

**ALL UNIFORM NEEDS TO BE CLEARLY NAMED**

## 3. Jewellery, Watches, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. These must be taped over or removed for PE.
Wrist watches may be worn but only for the purpose of telling the time. 'Smart' watches linked to mobile phones and Fitbits are not permitted.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows, hair braids or 'scrunchies' should be appropriate for school. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Temporary tattoos or glitter tattoos should be avoided and not visible alongside a school uniform.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns or 'tram lines' cut into their hair or have their hair brightly coloured or dyed. For health and safety reasons
and to ensure it does not distract from learning, long hair (that touches the shoulders) should be tied back.

## 4. Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black or dark grey shoes. If boots are worn these should also be plain black and not be too large to prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor. During the summer months, white or black sandals may be worn but these must have a strap around the heel (not crocs, jelly shoes or flip-flops). If the sandals rub, socks will need to be worn.

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

## 5. Pre-Loved Uniform

Our school PTA have supplies of pre-loved school uniform for sale. You can contact FOPPS (Friends of Puriton Primary School) through the school office with any requests and FOPPS will get back to you as soon as possible.

All donations of good quality second hand uniform are welcomed at the school office.

If you are experiencing difficulties and need help or assistance with uniform, please come and talk to us.  We will do all we can to help.

## 6. Equality Act 2010 Considerations

The school will make reasonable adjustments to accommodate pupils' religion or belief, disability, medical conditions and sensory needs in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

If your child has diagnosed sensory needs, medical conditions, a disability and struggles with elements of the school uniform, please have a discussion with the SENCO or your child's class teacher in the first instance and we will see what adjustments can be made.

## 7. Complaints

Complaints or concerns regarding school uniform should be raised initially with the Headteacher and may subsequently be addressed through the school's complaints procedure.