



Uniform Policy

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Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils in years FS2 (reception) to Y6 must dress according to the uniform policy. Nursery children may wear the uniform if they wish. 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.

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 feel like they belong to the Arnold Mill 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. All parents sign a Home-School Agreement when their child joins the school which says: "We will provide appropriate school uniform and footwear and make sure the child wear it."

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 maybe offered the correct item of uniform to borrow 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 discussions with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties so that we can try and offer support.

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 topic entry point activity day. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of the revised dress code on these days.

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. Arnold Mill 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 the Headteacher in the first instance.

Autumn and Winter

Black skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
Royal blue school sweatshirt or Royal blue school cardigan
Royal blue fleece and waterproof jacket
White polo shirt or blouse
Black shoes

Summer

A blue gingham dress
Black Shorts

PE and Games

White T-shirt or Polo shirt
Black or Navy Joggers (winter)
Black or Navy Shorts
Black or Navy Hoodie
Spare socks
Trainers

Book Bags and PE Bags with the school logo can be purchased from the school's uniform supplier. We do request that children use book bags as these protect the books as they go from school to home.

Outdoor clothing

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

Footwear

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, **all black** plain shoes with a flat sole. 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 back plimsolls for outdoor PE lessons. Barefoot work is undertaken for indoor gymnastic and dance lessons.

For Reception pupils, parents are kindly asked to buy shoes without laces and plimsolls are worn for PE.

We ask that all children keep a pair of wellies in school to allow them to play outdoors regardless of the weather.

Acceptable		Unacceptable	
			
			
			
			

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.

Fingernail Polish or Make-Up

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is 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 (Provided from home).

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.

Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in 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 term. At the end of every term, all unclaimed items of uniform will be recycled.

School Uniform Supplier

Our school uniform supplier is:

Sportstar Clothing Limited

Uniform can be purchased online using this link <https://arnold-mill-school-shop.square.site/s/shop>

Parents can also buy uniform from general clothes shops as long as they meet policy expectations.

Pre-loved uniform can be purchased from regular open days at St Timothy's Community Centre. We advertise these events in our newsletter.