



# Awsworth Primary and Nursery School School Uniform Policy

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## 1. Aims

Our school uniform aims to:

- › Promote a sense of belonging and pride in the school community
- › Support equality by reducing visible differences between pupils
- › Be practical, comfortable and suitable for learning and physical activity
- › Be affordable and offer good value for money for families
- › Provide clarity about expectations for pupils, parents and staff

## 2. Equality and Inclusion

The school ensures that this policy complies with the Equality Act 2010.

Awsworth Primary and Nursery School will ensure that:

- › Uniform expectations apply equally to all pupils
- › Items are not restricted based on gender
- › Pupils may wear any item from the approved uniform list
- › Religious clothing and head coverings are permitted
- › Reasonable adjustments are made for pupils with sensory, medical or physical needs
- › Requests for adaptations to the uniform will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Parents and carers should contact the school if an adaptation to the uniform is required.

## 3. Keeping Uniform Affordable

The school follows Department for Education guidance regarding the cost of school uniform.

To keep costs reasonable we will:

- Keep branded items to a minimum
- Allow most items to be purchased from a wide range of retailers
- Avoid unnecessary specification of particular brands
- Maintain a supply of pre-loved uniform where possible
- Avoid frequent changes to uniform expectations
- Consult parents before significant changes are made

There is no expectation that pupils must wear uniform with the school logo.

Families experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to contact the school in confidence.

Support may be available through the pre-loved uniform scheme or other assistance where appropriate.

The school encourages families to reuse and recycle uniform items wherever possible.

## **4. Expectations for school uniform**

The uniform is designed to be practical and gender-neutral. Pupils may wear any of the items listed.

Main Uniform:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Sky blue or yellow polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Black or grey trousers
- Black or grey skirt
- Black or grey tailored shorts
- Blue and white or yellow and white check summer dress (optional)

Footwear:

- Plain black sensible shoes
- Grey, black or white socks

- Grey or black tights

The following are not appropriate for school:

- Open-toed sandals
- High-heeled shoes
- Black jeans or leggings as part of day-to-day uniform

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name.

## **PE Kit**

Pupils should attend school wearing their PE kit on their allocated PE day.

PE kit consists of:

- Blue or yellow polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Optional royal blue sports "cool" polo shirt (available from our supplier)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without logo)
- Plain black shorts
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings (for colder weather)
- Suitable trainers

Plain black running trainers are preferred, however comfort and support for physical activity are more important than colour.

All items should be labelled.

## **Jewellery**

Permitted jewellery is limited to:

- One small stud earring per ear
- A simple wristwatch

Smart watches with mobile phone connectivity, messaging or camera functions are not permitted, as these can distract from learning and raise safeguarding concerns.

Jewellery must be removed during PE or practical activities.

If pupils cannot remove earrings independently, they should be removed at home on PE days.

The school cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged jewellery.

## **School Bag**

Pupils should bring an appropriately sized waterproof school bag to carry books and equipment.

Large rucksacks are discouraged due to limited space on cloakroom pegs.

Bags should not display inappropriate images or slogans.

## **Water Bottle**

All pupils should bring a labelled water bottle to school each day.

Bottles should:

- Contain water only
- Be made from plastic or metal (glass bottles are not permitted)
- Have a secure lid or sports cap to prevent spills
- Be a manageable size for classroom use

Water bottles may be refilled during the school day.

## **Hair Styles**

Hairstyles should be neat and appropriate for school.

- Long hair should be tied back where necessary for safety
- Small hair accessories such as clips or plain headbands are acceptable
- Large or excessive hair accessories should not be worn

Exceptions may be made for cultural, religious or medical reasons.

## **Make-Up**

Pupils should not wear make-up to school.

The following are not permitted:

- False nails or nail extensions
- False eyelashes
- Make-up

Clear nail varnish may be worn.

Exceptions may be considered where necessary for medical reasons.

## **Adverse Weather Clothing**

Hot Weather:

During warm weather pupils may wear:

- Summer dresses
- Black shorts
- Sun hats outdoors

Pupils may bring labelled sunscreen which they must be able to apply independently.

Jumpers or cardigans are not required during very hot weather.

Cold Weather:

During colder weather pupils may wear:

- Coats
- Hats, scarves and gloves outdoors
- Additional layers underneath uniform such as thermal vests

### **4.2 Where to purchase it**

Branded school uniform is available from:

Liss Sport

<https://www.lissport.co.uk/AwsworthPrimarySchool>

Most uniform items can also be purchased from supermarkets or local retailers selling the appropriate colours.

The school operates a pre-loved uniform scheme. Information about availability will be shared through school communications or via the school office.

## **5. Expectations for our school community**

### **5.1 Pupils**

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform on the school site, travelling to and from school, and on school trips where required.

### **5.2 Parents and carers**

Parents and carers should ensure that their child attends school in the correct uniform and that items are clean, labelled and in good condition.

The school will not prevent a pupil from attending school due to incorrect uniform.

Where a pupil arrives without the correct uniform, staff will address this sensitively and work with families to resolve the issue.

Where pupils repeatedly attend school without the correct uniform, the school will work with families to address the issue.

Pupils should not be criticised or treated differently because of the uniform items they choose to wear from the approved list.

Any unkind comments or bullying relating to uniform will be addressed in line with the school's anti-bullying policy.

### **5.3 Staff**

Staff will monitor uniform expectations and address concerns sensitively. Where necessary, senior leaders will work with families to resolve ongoing issues.

## **6. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed every three years or sooner if guidance changes.

The policy will be approved by the Local Governing Body.

## **7. Links to other policies**

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour Policy
- Equality Information and Objectives
- Anti-Bullying Policy

➤ Complaints Policy

➤ Home-School Agreement