



**Downs Infant School**  
**Uniform Policy**

## **Aims**

The aim of this policy is to ensure that all parents/carers are aware of the correct clothing their child should wear to school.

## **Objectives**

Downs Infant School is a welcoming, inclusive and child-focussed school. We believe in reducing and removing barriers to learning and to school attendance, and we value children's own knowledge of themselves. We teach children the skills they need to regulate their feelings and this includes recognising and responding to their physical needs appropriately.

## **Equalities**

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits schools from imposing a dress code which gives rise to direct or indirect discrimination in respect of a pupil or staff member's protected characteristics, for example age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation. We believe our approach to uniform has due regard for this and promotes full participation for all pupils. An optional approach to uniform ensures that children who cannot tolerate uniform items for reasons of SEND or who want to express their individuality through their clothing, can do so. Where children wish to feel belonging by wearing a uniform, they are able to choose this.

## **Price and Affordability**

Our uniform is planned to be as affordable as possible, and we positively promote the wearing of second-hand and pre-loved items. The optional nature of the uniform means that parents/carers have flexibility around laundry, reducing the need for the use of tumble-driers etc.

## **Sustainability**

We actively promote the wearing of second-hand clothes, and link this to the environment. Being optional, parents and carers do not have to rush to get uniform washed and dried and can take a natural approach to clothes drying.

## **Downs Infant School Uniform**

### ***Uniform is optional.***

It comprises a dark green school sweatshirt, jumper, cardigan or fleece and white t-shirt or polo shirt. These can be purchased from many high street retailers (Sainsburys, Matalan, M&S etc.).

**You can purchase a school badge to attach to these items from the online shop for £1.50.**

These can be worn with dark grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores, or with a green Summer school dress.

We hope this keeps the cost of uniform very affordable and allows you to choose items which are comfortable for your child. It is very important that all school clothing is adequately labelled with your child's full name.

Although uniform is optional, please make sure your child wears sensible clothes to school, where the odd splash of paint or glue does not matter. Children spend a good deal of time learning outside and need to wear warm and waterproof clothing appropriate for the weather.

No high heels, flip-flops and jewellery other than studs please, for safety reasons. It is not age-appropriate for our children to wear make up or nail varnish to school.

### **PE Kit**

For PE children need trainers for outside (these can be worn all day), and bare feet indoors. For gym they need leggings or shorts and a T-shirt. The teacher will tell them which days they have PE but we recommend leaving these in school at all times if possible. They must tie back long hair (we have spare hair bands in the office) and take out or cover earrings for safety reasons.

### **Monitoring**

The School Leadership and Governors will keep this policy under review, particularly regarding affordability and sustainability.

