



Hillsborough Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School uniforms often spark lively debates. Some argue they're a needless expense and restrict students' freedom of expression, while many see their advantages. For one, uniforms promote equality and inclusivity, helping everyone feel part of the same community—this aligns perfectly with our school values: Believe. Belong. Become. They also improve discipline by reducing distractions, creating a focused learning environment. Safety is enhanced too; uniforms help staff identify students easily during outings. Plus, uniforms save time and money—no more morning wardrobe battles! You can purchase them affordably from places like Asda, Tesco, and Matalan. Here at Hillsborough Primary School, we have a uniform policy that states children will wear the school appointed uniform. Let's embrace the benefits!

We know that some children regularly don't wear school uniform. Our school ambassadors surveyed the children about uniform. The children said

"I like that we can all wear the uniform together and show our symbol"

"I think our uniform is comfortable."

"I believe all children should wear uniform to show that we belong here"

As part of the Home/School agreement, parents agreed to follow the uniform policy and the children agreed to wear a school uniform. This term, we are focussing in on getting all children to wear their school uniform to school as we believe that if we are going to have one, then all need to abide by the uniform selected. As a reminder, this is what we have in our uniform policy.

Navy blue jumper (with or without the Hillsborough Badge)

White or royal blue polo shirt (with or without the Hillsborough badge)

Dark (black/grey) bottoms of trousers, shorts or pinafore dress or skirt. The shorts and skirts need to be an appropriate length for school. In the summer, your child is welcome to wear a blue and white checked dress.

Black shoes – these can be trainers but must be black and must be suitable for wearing in school. Crocs and shoes with heels are not allowed as school shoes.

Navy fleece.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM WITH THEIR NAME.

We understand that there might be reasons for not meeting the uniform requirements, like financial issues or not having the right clothes. Please reach out to us; we're here to help families find solutions. We've already taken steps to assist with uniform needs from feedback we have been given:

We run our pre-loved uniform shop and encourage the use of this to support our efforts at being a more sustainable school. Uniform can be purchased for between 20p- 50p per

item. Please come and take a look. We will regularly ask for donations to support our pre-loved shop so that we can have these garments available to you so please do not get rid of anything you think may be able to help someone else! We would also love to have more parents who could help run this on a more regular basis. Please speak to the office if you feel you could offer some time.

We are purchasing a tumble dryer. We appreciate that in a busy household, there are times when the uniform is not dry. We will hopefully be able to support with this by providing a tumble dryer to dry uniform that is needed for the children.

We do not expect children to wear badged uniform. A full uniform from Asda for a child aged 9 would cost a total of £15 for 2 sweatshirts, 3 polo shirts and two pairs of trousers. This covers 5 days per week for 39 weeks per year and would realistically be the main spending you would need on clothing your child in any academic year. By not demanding it has a Hillsborough badge on our uniform and using colours that are easily bought from local shops, we believe our uniform costs to be low. You can buy branded uniform by collecting a form from the main office or going online [Hillsborough Primary - Logo Leisurewear](#)

We have purchased Sharpie pens to write children's names on their school uniform which can be used from our main office or the school uniform shop by parents.

From next week, we will be implementing a policy where all children will be loaned a jumper to wear in school if they come without their school uniform. This will be tracked in school and if the child is noted as not in uniform on a number of occasions across the half term, members of the senior leadership team will contact the family to see if there is any way we can support you to ensure your child comes in the correct uniform that both yourselves and the children agreed to when attending this school.

We understand that we continue to ask children on their PE day to come to school in appropriate clothing for PE. This must be black bottoms and a plain white top (this can be a polo shirt or a t-shirt) and their school jumper over the top. This cannot be branded wear. Cropped jumpers or tops are not suitable for PE clothing. PE days will be posted on Seesaw and on the website so parents are aware. If a child comes to school on a day in PE wear that is not their PE day, parents may be called to bring their school uniform to school for children to get changed into.

We thank you for your attention and support with this matter. We really appreciate your understanding and help for us to get us all wearing the uniform we have all agreed in the policy at Hillsborough Primary School.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Wileman
Headteacher