



Uniform Policy

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August 2024	Ben Waldram	PE kit change including logistics; removal of M&S from providers.



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Fernwood Primary and Nursery School School Uniform Policy

All pupils at Fernwood Primary and Nursery School are expected to wear school uniform every day. Our school uniform identifies the children as members of the school community. The uniform supports the ethos of being 'smart and ready to work'.

If a family is experiencing a problem on any one day, e.g. washing machine repair needs or clothing left at a parent's house then, as a school, we are very understanding to all concerned. If the problem becomes a longer-term issue, we would attempt to help the parents find a solution; this could be: using our fund-raising funds to buy new uniform or giving washed, nearly-new to parents who need assistance.

There are no sanctions for not wearing a uniform. We have a good relationship with our families who themselves are proud to be part of the Fernwood ethos. If a problem did arise of **non-compliance**, we would consider each step carefully, particularly the needs of the child and their inclusion in school. If a child wore clothing to school which was inappropriate e.g. on a special dressing up day, then the parents would be asked to bring the child an alternative piece of clothing for the child to wear.

We are always ready to make **reasonable adjustments to the uniform** to meet a child's specific needs. A few of our children for whom buttons and zips are problematic in regard to fine motor control are offered adaptations to their uniform, for example, wearing jogger bottoms. We also understand that some children have sensory needs and find some parts of the uniform uncomfortable. We work closely with these families to find a solution which is right for the child and appropriate for school.

We represent a richly diverse area of Nottingham City and as such, represent many different world religions, customs and beliefs. We embrace this privilege in our ethos and aims. We would only ask a child to remove or adjust an item of clothing or accessory if this was necessary due to health and safety concerns both generally or in a specific instance.

Our uniform is: -

- A grey skirt/pinafore dress, a summer dress in red and white, grey or black trousers/shorts.
- A white shirt or polo shirt.
- A red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Black flat shoes – not trainers.
- Children are expected to have a coat to wear in cold and/or wet weather.

PE kit is:-

- A white t-shirt or polo.
- Black shorts (alternatively, in colder months: black jogging bottoms/leggings/tracksuit bottoms).
- Red school jumper/cardigan/fleece.
- Trainers for outside. Any activities in the hall will be done barefoot (medical conditions permitting).

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- Children are expected to have a coat to wear in cold and/or wet weather as part of their usual uniform. This remains valid on days when children are expected to be in PE kit.
- Please note: No football shirts or any team-affiliated logos. With regards to logos on PE kit in general: brands are fine, sports teams are not.
 - For example: Nike - **Yes!** Kit emblazoned with Man Utd – **No.**

A letter was sent out on the 8th July, 2024 regarding a minor change in PE kit. Children no longer have to bring their PE kit into school, they can wear it on the day of their lesson(s). Every year group produces a half-termly curriculum newsletter which states the days when PE/games is taught.

All of these items can be bought from any supplier online or on the high street.

Our sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts with a Fernwood Primary and Nursery School logo are available from 2 outlets – [Just-Schoolwear](#) and [Morleys](#), a local shop in Chilwell. The prices of these items are higher than those same items without the logo. It is completely a matter of parental choice whether or not to choose an item with a logo.

If the Executive Headteacher and Governing Body decide that a **change in uniform** is required, a full parental consultation would take place.

In an attempt to **be environmentally friendly and a role model for recycling** the school offers items of washed, nearly new items for a small donation to all parents at given points in the school year, plus regularly displaying lost property items to be reclaimed. Historically the Friends of Fernwood parental group has offered sale/donation nearly new clothing to parents. Parents often donate bags of clothing in good condition for the school to pass on to families.

Jewellery and other items

For health and safety reasons, the only jewellery allowed in school is watches and stud earrings. The watches must **not** be a SmartWatch (capable of taking photographs and/or sending messages as per our acceptable use policy). Earrings must be studs and not hoops or sleepers as these are not as safe. For PE, these stud earrings must be taken out or covered by tape to ensure safety. Make-up and nail varnish is also not permitted.

Complaints in regard to school uniform would follow the same process and procedures as all complaints. Please see the [Complaints Policy](#).

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