

Hassocks Infant School

School Uniform Policy



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Date policy agreed:	September 2023
Date policy to be reviewed:	September 2027
Responsibility:	Headteacher

Introduction

Wearing school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school. Our school community prides themselves in being smart, well-presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 wear uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events off-site. Our school uniform policy has been reviewed to take into consideration the DfE's guidance on the cost of school uniforms.

Aims

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that our children are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- ★ Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- ★ Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- ★ Identifies pupils to our school
- ★ Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- ★ Is considered to be good value for money
- ★ Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind

Equality

The uniform options set out in our policy are gender neutral and it is not specified what items boys or girls should or should not wear within the permitted list. We recognise that for some of our families, religions or beliefs may require conformity to a particular dress code and we are sensitive to this. We believe that most requirements can be well met within our policy and we always aim to accommodate these, showing flexibility where there is a genuine reason to do so. However it is important that any adaptations agreed do not compromise genuine health and safety concerns and therefore parents are requested to meet with a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team to agree any adaptations. We also recognise that reasonable adjustments might need to be made for a pupil with a disability or special education need and there is flexibility within our policy for this. Parents should discuss any adaptations that may be required with the school.

Uniform Requirements

Careful consideration has been taken regarding the cost and availability of our uniform for parents. Uniform with the school embroidered logo (optional) can be purchased from the school office. Our supplier has been chosen as representing good value for money. Other uniform items are widely available, at very competitive prices at local shops including supermarkets.

Option 1

Grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers

Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan

White blouse, shirt or polo shirt

Pink/white or red/white checked / striped summer dress

All items should be **clearly labelled with the child's name**.

School sweatshirts and book bags with the school's logo on can be purchased from the school office. Sweatshirts are £9.50. Book bags are £7.50 in a choice of burgundy, green or blue.



Reception Children

Children in Reception are welcome to wear burgundy, grey or black jogging trousers if they wish. Some children find these easier when running to the toilet at the last minute! They are also outside daily, using bicycles and in and out of the sand pit.

Physical Education

Please note that Reception children will not require this until the second half of the Autumn term. We do notify parents in advance when this needs to come to school

Drawstring bag

Black PE shorts or leggings / jogging bottoms

Plain white t-shirt

Plimsolls or plain trainers – slip on style or velcro fastenings if possible

Seasonal Wear

Children are asked to bring their own sun hat during warmer months.

A warm, waterproof coat, gloves and hat should be provided in the winter.

School Sweatshirt Sizes

Measure points <i>Tolerance = +/-1.25</i>	24" Age 3-4	26" Age 5-6	28" Age 7-8	30" Age 9-10	32" Age 11-12
CHEST WIDTH Measure under arm to under arm	14"	15"	16"	17"	18"
BODY LENGTH Measure from top of back neck to the bottom of the welt (waist band)	17.5"	19"	20"	21"	22"
ARM LENGTH Measure from under arm seam to the end of the cuff	11.5"	12.5"	13.5"	15"	16"

Affordable Uniform

We appreciate that school uniform can be costly and our policy has taken this into consideration from the outset. We keep essential branded items to a minimum. Parents can decide to purchase branded or non-branded items for all of our uniform requirements.

For families in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant, we are able to provide annually:

- ★ A branded school sweatshirt
- ★ A book bag with logo

Please speak to the school office if this is supportive.

We also have access to high-quality second hand uniform. The Friends of Hassocks Infant School (FoHIS) organise regular sales throughout the school year. Parents can also contact the school office team should they need any additional items outside of these sales.

Specific Requirements

- ★ **Footwear** – Black, closed toe leather shoes should be worn. Please note, trainers should not be worn other than during PE sessions. Trainers, “fashion” shoes, heels, flip-flops or sandals are not suitable for school and are not part of the accepted uniform. If your child wears wellingtons boots into school during wet weather, please ensure they bring in their school shoes to change into once in school.
- ★ **Hair** – Long hair should be tied back at all times with plain bands, ribbons or scrunchies.
- ★ **Jewellery** – For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school. This includes necklaces, rings and bracelets. Dangly earrings should not be worn in school. A plain stud in the ears is acceptable. School staff are not permitted to remove a child’s earrings.

- ★ **Watches** - Children may wear a watch to school from Year 1 onwards. We do encourage families to avoid sending expensive watches into school as there is a risk that these may get damaged or lost. Watches should be removed during PE lessons or physical activity. The class teacher will ensure that these are stored out of sight, for example in a cupboard or drawer.

Partnership with Parents

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kits and that it is clean, in good repair and the child's name is visibly labelled on all items. If a parent has difficulties with their child's uniform for any reason, they are asked to speak confidentially to the office or class teacher.