

School Uniform Policy

Haxby Road Primary Academy



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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the headteacher by emailing admin.hrs@ebor.academy who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups. Where this is the case the school will provide at least one coloured pe t-shirt
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for inter school competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

Haxby Road Primary School Uniform Rules

At Haxby Road Primary Academy, a high standard of personal appearance is expected of all pupils.

Our pupils wear their school uniform with pride. It consists of:

General Uniform for all children:

- Plain black or grey skirt or pinafore, or plain straight black or grey trousers or tailored shorts
- Red striped or checked summer dress
- White polo shirt or white blouse/shirt
- Red jumper/cardigan/fleece - plain or with Haxby Road Primary Academy logo
- Plain black sensible styled shoes

- Sensible waterproof coat
- A book bag is advisable

For PE lessons, we ask the children to wear:

- Black/Navy PE shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- Spare socks for girls wearing tights
- Black plimsolls
- Outdoor trainers (non-marking soles) - not required in reception
- Black/Navy plain jogging bottoms/leggings - not required in reception
- Black/Navy plain warm top/outdoor tracksuit top - not required in reception

When children swim in KS2, we ask that the children bring a swimming bag with the following:

- Girls - full swimming costume/Boys - short fitted swim shorts
- Towel
- Goggles

Jewellery / Make Up:

- Just one small gold or silver stud may be worn in each ear. This rule applies to both boys and girls
- No other jewellery may be worn
- Earrings must be removed by the pupil before PE lessons and swimming lessons
- Plasters cannot be worn over earrings for PE. If children are going to have their ears pierced, we recommend they have them pierced at the start of the summer holidays to avoid disruption to their learning
- Make up and nail varnish is not permitted

Forest School:

- Forest Kits (Waterproof coat & trousers and wellies) are provided in school

Please label each item of clothing with your child's name, especially the sweatshirts / cardigans.

4.2 Where to purchase it

- Please visit www.schooltrends.co.uk to purchase Haxby Road Primary Academy uniform with logos
- Non branded uniform can be purchased more widely at local supermarkets
- Friends of Haxby Road will hold a second hand sale at regular points in the year

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact the headteacher by emailing admin.hrs@ebor.academy if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact the headteacher by emailing admin.hrs@ebor.academy if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in the correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by [Haxby Road Primary Academy's School Behaviour Policy](#).

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The governing body will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years by the headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- [Behaviour Policy](#)
- [Single equality policy](#)
- [Anti-bullying policy](#)
- [Complaints policy](#)