



Uniform Policy

Approved by Governing Body – August 2024

To be reviewed September 2026

Our uniform policy has been updated in response to statutory guidance from the Department for Education published on 19th November 2021.

The purpose of this guidance is to ensure the cost of school uniforms is reasonable and secures the best value for money.

Main points from the guidance:

Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniform is affordable.

In considering cost, schools will need to think about the total cost of school uniforms, taking into account all items of uniform or clothing parents will need to provide while their child is at the school.

Schools should keep the use of branded items to a minimum.

A school's uniform policy should be published on the school's website, be available for all parents, including parents of prospective pupils, and be easily understood.

Schools should ensure that their uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment).

Single supplier contracts should be avoided unless regular tendering competitions are run where more than one supplier can compete for the contract and where the best value for money is secured. This contract should be retendered at least every 5 years.

Schools should ensure that second-hand uniforms are available for parents to acquire. Information on second-hand uniforms should be clear for parents of current and prospective pupils and published on the school's website.

Schools should engage with parents and pupils when they are developing their school uniform policy.

1. AIMS OF THE POLICY

- To provide a clear definition of the purpose and nature of uniform at King Edward.
- To identify our shared views of uniform expectations.
- To identify the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders.
- To make clear the ways in which we aim to ensure that the policy makes an important contribution to the high expectations in the school.

2. EXPECTATIONS

- It is our school policy that all children, from FS1 to Year 6, wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. Exceptions

can be made by the headteacher for individuals based on welfare, SEND or pastoral reasons.

- We ask children to take a pride in their personal appearance.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

4. MAKE-UP, NAIL VARNISH, TATTOOS

- We do not allow children to wear make-up, nail varnish or temporary tattoos.

5. HAIR ACCESSORIES

- Children with long hair must have it tied back to minimise the risk of accidents.
- Hair accessories such as ribbons, hair slides or hair bands may be worn in line with our school colours.

6. JEWELLERY

- If a child has their ears pierced, they may come to school with a piercing but with a small stud. Strictly one piercing per ear.
- If a child intends to have their ears pierced, they will be asked to cover their studs with plasters or tape for PE Lessons.

7. FOOTWEAR

In order to keep our school clean and hygienic, we request the following:

- A pair of **indoor** shoes, trainers or pumps. All footwear should be flat.
- A pair of **outdoor** boots, trainers or shoes. There are no expectations on colours or style but we request that outdoor footwear is sensible and supports your child with physical, outdoor play. All footwear should be flat.

8. CLOTHING

Our uniform consists of the following;

- A navy-blue jumper or cardigan with or without the school logo
- Grey trousers, skirt or shorts
- Plain black leggings may be worn under grey skirts or dresses
- White polo shirt with or without the school logo
- Blue gingham school dress
- Plain pumps, trainers or school shoes to be worn inside the school building.
- Children will require a sensible shoe or boot of their choice to play outdoors in.

Our PE uniform is as follows;

- Plain t-shirt according to your child's Team Colour – Red / Blue / Green / Yellow
- Plain shorts, leggings or cycle shorts
- Plain tracksuit bottoms
- Plain sweatshirt
- Plain trainers that are suitable for outdoor sport.

Our uniform can be purchased from any retail store. Uniform items that include our school logo can be purchased at <https://price-buckland.co.uk/> .

9. THE ROLE OF PARENTS

- Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that their child's name is written on all items.
- If a parent has difficulties, for any reason, with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.
- If a child arrives at school not meeting the expectations for our school uniform, a phone call will be made to parents providing them with an option to come to school to make the required changes or to give school staff permission to make the required changes (with the exception of removing earrings). This will be applied for any child without the appropriate PE kit.
- We welcome children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

10. THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS

- The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

11. MONITORING AND REVIEW

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform